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# DEBT FEARS SOARING IN OUR TOWN

## Citizens Advice Bureau overwhelmed by calls for help

FINANCE experts are seeing a sharp rise in the number of worried householders seeking debt advice as a result of higher bills and spiralling interest rates.

Citizens Advice Bureau said it's starting to feel the force of the credit crunch with a record number of residents in Maidstone coming through its doors – which it has not seen since the recession of the early 1990s.

Specialist money advisor Rose Lovell, who works for Maidstone CAB

### EXCLUSIVE

BY LAUREN MUMFORD

on Tonbridge Road, said even though they are only in the first financial week of 2008 there are already signs of an increase in people struggling to pay their bills.

As a result they have taken on another money advisor to meet the demand.

Ms Lovell said: "Last year we had 369 clients whose debts amounted to more than £7 million, 138 people

spoke to our specialist money department, who had a total of 997 creditors and debts amounting to more than £3 million between them – we are expecting this figure to rise this year."

The advisory organisation was so busy last year that it was unable to offer appointments to more than 200 customers because "there just weren't enough hours in the day".

Ms Lovell said: "This rise is something we would have expected to see ten years ago as we saw a lot of people with priority debt – mortgages and council tax etc, as we were coming out

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## ANNIE MAC TO DJ AT AFTERSHOW PARTY

RADIO 1 DJ Annie Mac was unveiled this week as one of the headline acts lined up for the first Official Aftershow party at the Big Weekend.

The rising star, who plays an eclectic mix of breakbeat, hip-hop, house and electro, will take to the decks during the eight-hour-long event being held at Maidstone Studios on Saturday, May 10.

She will join Pete Tong, Laurent Garnier, Danny Rampling and local stars Nic Fanciulli and Sam Ball for the biggest dance party the county town has ever seen

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# Can town cope with Radio 1's weekend?

Picture: PHIL HOUGHTON

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

TRAFFIC issues, parking and policing were the main concerns brought up by residents at a public meeting ahead of Radio 1's Big Weekend.

The session at Maidstone Grammar School on Monday night, gave 350 people living near Mote Park the chance to express their fears to representatives from the police, Radio 1 and Maidstone council about the event.

The Big Weekend is the largest free ticketed music festival to be held in the UK and will be held on May 10 and 11, attracting 20,000 people a day to the park.

Superintendent Ian Hall, the operations commander for the event, said: "Most issues have been about parking, noise and anti-social behaviour, but having 20,000 people in the park across the road does not mean there is going to be disaster."

Police will be heavily patrolling the park, the surrounding area and dealing with traffic issues.

Mote Avenue, Birch Tree Way, Elm Grove, Lower Road, Greenside and Willow Way will be closed over the weekend and Square Hill Road will be partially shut.

Ashford Road, Hastings Road, Upper Road, West Park Road, Park Way and Willington Street will all



LOCATION: Mote Park is to be the home of this year's Radio 1's Big Weekend

have temporary 'no parking' restrictions.

Teresa Pain, 47, of Blythe Road in Maidstone, said: "I live about as close as you can get to Mote Park so my main concern is the level of noise and light. I'm in two minds whether to stay and guard the place or escape."

"I do support the event, it has to happen somewhere, but I want to make sure they have thought about residents."

Another resident, whose garden backs on to the park, said: "If I don't get a ticket and I have to sit in my back garden and listen to it, and all

those people enjoying themselves, I will be gutted."

The council is working with the BBC and SJM Concerts to ensure sound levels are acceptable. Construction work will begin at Mote Park from April 28 until May 18.

During this time the skate park, main car park and Mote Adventure Zone will be closed but Maidstone Leisure Centre will give free access to its Polar Adventure, Ice Hills and car park facilities.

• See Page 5 for details of the Big Weekend Aftershow Party and full festival line-up announcements.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Con artist stole cash from stroke victim

A WOMAN believed to have conned more than £60,000 out of an 80-year-old stroke victim has admitted numerous theft charges.

Sandra Rowe, 52, of Cumberland Avenue, pleaded guilty at Maidstone Crown Court on Monday last week to 26 counts of theft amounting to £25,000, which could land her two years behind bars.

There are 189 more withdrawals also in question. Rowe was released on bail until sentencing on May 27.

### Ton of seed cake to celebrate 50 years

A CAKE weighing a record-breaking ton is being cooked up at a wildlife centre as part of its 50th anniversary celebrations.

Kent Wildlife Trust is attempting to make the largest ever bird seed cake to set a new Guinness World Record at its headquarters at Tyland Barn in Sandling on Tuesday.

It will be made by eight staff from 400kg of bird seed, 400kg of melted lard and 200kg of flour.

### Almost £150,000 in council tax not paid

MAIDSTONE council gave up chasing £148,000 unpaid council tax last year, official figures have shown.

The Department for Communities and Local Government this week confirmed the amount owed which the council wrote off last year.

A council spokeswoman said: "We only write off council tax debt as a very last resort after all other options have been exhausted. Last year we wrote off less than a quarter of a per cent of council tax."

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# Proud heritage of a suffering village

## Rural residents who live with the worst cuts in UK

BY KEVIN O'SULLIVAN

A VILLAGE singled out as suffering the most cuts in key services in the country was once a thriving centre of rural life, according to families living there.

Wrotham has 300 residents but only one shop after consecutive years of cutbacks to vital amenities.

Two years ago the local post office closed – forcing pensioners to make a 20-minute trek to neighbouring Borough Green.

And in the last decade the village has lost two banks, two greengrocers, two butchers and a bakery.

A government-commissioned study by Oxford University this week found Wrotham has suffered the greatest loss of services in the UK since 2004 – making it the most excluded community in the South East.

Barnmaid Tina Hitchcock, 35, works at the George and Dragon pub in the centre of the village.

She said: "It's hardly a surprise – I've lived



**A WAY OF LIFE:** Wrotham has lost more shops and services than any other village in Britain according to a new report

here for 20 years and in just that space of time we have so many businesses move out of the village.

"Now we have to travel 20 minutes if we need anything. It's okay for the younger people but for the elderly it is a real ordeal.

"When the post office closed it made life very difficult for everyone."

College lecturer Graham Davison, 60, said parish councillors are fighting a losing battle against government policy-makers.

He said: "There has been quite an organised resistance to all the cuts, but sadly those concerns are not being listened to.

"The last four years have been particularly bad."

Despite its setbacks the traditional village has a proud heritage.

The first-ever recorded century was scored at Wrotham's cricket ground, and the village proudly claims to have the first church to be named after England's patron saint, St George.

Mrs Hitchcock added: "It is a lovely old place with a lot of charm and character.

"The Queen used to come here quite often as one of her close friends lived just outside the village. It used to be very hush hush, though."

The Oxford University report found nationally that nearly half of all rural communities have seen the loss of key services in the past four years and were declining "at their fastest rate ever".

## Ward shuts by vomiting virus

AN OUTBREAK of the winter vomiting disease has closed five hospital wards.

Norovirus has infected four patients at Maidstone Hospital, shutting two wards to new admissions.

At Kent and Sussex Hospital in Tunbridge Wells five patients came down with the disease – closing three wards.

A spokesman for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust urged people with Norovirus symptoms – vomiting and diarrhoea – not to visit loved ones in hospital as they could catch the virus.

He said people will generally get over the symptoms within three days.

The wards will reopen to new admissions once the last patient with the virus has been free of symptoms for 72 hours.

Norovirus is spread through contact with an infected person, and contaminated surfaces, objects, food or water.

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## A greener life could help you to save money

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of a recession. Then it started to dwindle, but now we're seeing a sharp increase again."

Experts say residents feeling the pinch have a number of alternatives to help keep their outgoings at a minimum, including schemes set up by the council which could provide much needed financial assistance.

Ms Lovell said: "The council already does a lot to help people struggling to pay their council tax through payment schemes and initiatives for single adult households, which a lot of people don't know about – there are government guidelines which have to be followed or how will they pay for the services residents want?"

Maidstone Green Party representative Stuart Jeffery said: "To save money people can consume less and share more, buy locally produced food, using public transport, cycling and walking can all help too. But the two easiest things that can make a big impact are cutting down on meat and insulating your home."

For help with your finances contact the Citizens Advice Bureau on 01622 752420.

## Freight depot is 'unacceptable' say 86 per cent

A CONTROVERSIAL bid to build a huge freight depot in a scenic village has been slammed by residents.

The Kent International Gateway road-rail interchange in Bearsted was branded "unacceptable" by 86 per cent of people living in Maidstone in a new survey carried out by Local Opinion.

Seventy-nine per cent of those against the depot, which would be the size of 100 football pitches in open countryside, said it would ruin Bearsted's environment.

And 76 per cent felt that if built, the depot would result in unacceptable levels of light and noise pollution.

A planning application for the 112 hectare depot running from junction seven to junction eight of the M20 was lodged last October, which Maidstone council is still considering.

If permission is granted the quiet village of Bearsted would become a

major destination for lorries heading for the Continent to load freight on to trains using Kent's high-speed rail links.

The survey, carried out by the independent opinion poll company, also revealed that 70 per cent of 293 residents quizzed felt they were not being reliably informed of the full details of the AXA Group's proposals, which they see as the council's duty.

A council spokeswoman said: "We have received more than 2,500 representations on the application and will consider all comments right up until the application is decided."

For more information or to comment on KIG write to Rob Jarman at 13 Tonbridge Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME16 8HG, or email KIGcomments@maidstone.gov.uk.

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A photograph of a modern bathroom interior. It features a white bathtub, a glass shower enclosure, and a large window with a view of a blue sky and clouds. The room is decorated with blue and white tiles and a large orange cushion on the floor.

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NEWS IN BRIEF**Aerodrome metal theft  
suspicion leads to arrests**

THREE men were arrested on suspicion of stealing metal from Detling Aerodrome.

Police searched the site near Maidstone after receiving reports that equipment was being stolen from portacabins on April 2 at 7.30pm. Three men, all from Sittingbourne, were arrested and taken to Maidstone police station for questioning.

A van was also found full of various metal items – including cabinets, radiators, metal frames and wiring.

The trio have been released on bail until April 27 to allow further investigation.

**Meet your neighbours  
over a tasty burger**

A BARBECUE has been organised on Saturday to raise money for a scheme aimed at getting people together.

Nettlestead PCSO Ryan Jones is calling for villagers to "come and meet your neighbours" at the event at the Hop Pole pub at noon.

The free event will include food, a live band and line dancing.

Mr Jones said: "All donations from this barbecue will go towards the Chatterbox fund, which aims to get the elderly people of Nettlestead socialising."

**Enjoy a day of lambing  
with the young farmers**

A YOUNG farmers' club has invited people to their annual lambing day and plant sale.

The Oldborough Manor Young Farmers' Club event on Sunday, April 27, will have lambing sheds, farmyard animals such as cows, pigs, donkeys and chickens, craft demonstrations, games and refreshments.

The event runs from 10am to 3pm at New Line Learning Academy in Boughton Lane, Maidstone. Admission costs £1 for adults, 50p for children and under threes go free.

Call Mike Handley on 07725 745630.

**Potter about with arts  
to raise cash for hospice**

A POTTERY painting day will be held next week to raise money for Demelza House Children's Hospice.

The arts event takes place at Renaissance Crafts in Union Street, Maidstone, on Thursday, April 24, from 7.30-9.30pm.

Tickets cost £15, and include a buffet and pottery up to the value of £10. A third of each ticket price and the raffle proceeds will be donated to the Sittingbourne-based charity.

For more information call Geoff or Wendy on 01622 750467.

# Post office relocation sparks safety fears

**EXCLUSIVE****BY LAUREN MUMFORD**

A DECISION to move a village post office to a petrol station shop has been criticised – as young mums and pensioners will have to cross a busy road to get to it.

Yourmaidstone has uncovered that Aylesford Post Office will be relocated from the high street to the Texaco garage in Forstal Road.

The move has been branded "highly inappropriate" by the parish council and residents.

The new post office, which will open on Monday, April 28, will mean elderly residents and families with small children will have to cross the main road and dodge HGVs which use the garage to fill up with diesel each day.

Parish councillor David Smith said: "Just imagine a young mother with a child pushing a pram trying to cross the road, let alone make their way across the forecourt. This applies to elderly and able-bodied residents too."

"This is a very busy and dangerous area with many hazards to motorists and people, with the risk of oil and petroleum spillages, which could cause people to slip and the slightest spark – well I'll leave that to your imagination."

The parish council says the garage lacks safe pedestrian access, has no disabled access, just one footpath on the opposite side of the road and no car parking facilities.

This relocation comes as another blow to villagers following the closure of the Greenacres



**MOVING:** Whilst pleased the post office is being moved instead of closed, councillors are concerned over the safety of pedestrians walking through the Texaco garage forecourt, or even crossing the busy road to get to it

post office two years ago. The decision to close the high street branch was announced in February.

Cllr Smith said: "Tonbridge and Malling council, and Aylesford parish council, express their concerns of safety to the public in accessing this new location of the post office. We invite Kent County Council to look at the safety aspects. We also feel that the Post Office should provide for the cost of disabled amenities and

safety measures.

Councillors have asked the Post Office to consider reopening the Greenacres branch, or to place a post office near the original site or by the Royal British Legion Village building.

Council chiefs stressed they are grateful to the Post Office for relocating the post office branch instead of simply closing it completely, but they feel the petrol station is not a suitable site.



**HELP:** You could run 10k to help charity

## Run up funds to help charity

Men and women have been challenged to take part in a 10km run to raise money to fund cancer prevention and treatment.

People are being sought to help Cancer Research UK reach its £5million target by volunteering for its annual fun run at Leeds Castle in Hollingbourne on October 12. It is hoped the event will see 1,500 people putting on their running shoes to raise more than £104,500.

Run 10k organiser Christina Tomlinson said: "Cancer affects so many people and joining the Leeds Castle 10k is a great way to support them by raising money for Cancer Research UK's work to find new ways of treating, curing and prevent-

ing the disease. We need people to take part and raise money to help us continue our life-saving work."

There will be 41 events held throughout the UK this autumn in the hope around 50,000 people come together to raise the target figure.

Cancer Research UK is also currently recruiting people in Maidstone with breast, lung or prostate cancer to take part in an important clinical trial to investigating the best way to relieve pain in patients' whose cancer has spread to their bones.

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**THE ENTERTAINMENT:** French DJ Laurent Garnier will be headlining the Aftershow Party, he will be joined by Kent's own Nic Fanciulli and Sam Ball

# Superstar DJs to rock the studio in Aftershow Party

MAIDSTONE Studios will host a massive dance party with a line-up of world famous DJs as part of Radio 1's Big Weekend.

DJ Pete Tong made the announcement on his Radio 1 show on Friday night, revealing the venue and line-up to his international audience.

The Official Aftershow, organised by Maidstone's own ClubClass, is expected to attract more than 2,000 clubbers to the studios in Vinters Park on Saturday, May 10.

The county town is hosting Radio 1's Big Weekend, which will see about 40,000 people flocking to Mote Park for the free music festival on May 10 and 11.

Early bird tickets for The Official Aftershow have been on sale for a few weeks, but sales for the eight-hour event have rocketed since the full details were revealed.

Tong, who was born and raised in Kent, told Yourmaidstone he was pleased to see his home county hosting such a high profile event.

The headliner is French DJ Laurent Garnier, described as "a legend" and "the king of the warehouse party", who will be making his first visit to Kent.

Pete Tong is also on the bill alongside Radio 1's Annie Mac and acid house pioneer Danny Rampling, who has been persuaded out of retirement to make an appearance.

Simian Mobile Disco, and local stars Nic Fanciulli and Sam Ball, complete the line-up

■ BY JANE CONNOLLY

for the party, which will be broadcast live on Radio 1.

Jeff Gray, head of events at ClubClass, revealed how delighted he was to be involved: "We promised everyone that we had something very special up our sleeves."

"We're now working round the clock to make sure the aftershow to Radio 1's Big Weekend is the best dance event ever to come to Kent."

"The venue is simply incredible and perfect for an event of this magnitude. We hope everyone can join us in what will be an incredible celebration for music in Maidstone."

Having previously hosted game shows like Dale's Supermarket Sweep and 100 to 1, Studio 5 has never been used for a music event before. It is the largest single television studio in the country, boasting full air-conditioning.

ClubClass claims the full soundproofing will prevent any noise pollution escaping, allowing the installation of a 'mammoth' sound system.

With no on-site parking available, clubbers are being directed to Tesco's Grove Green store.

The Official Aftershow will run from 10pm to 6am and tickets cost £29.50. To book call the 24-hour hotline on 0871 230 9848 or book online at [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk).

## It's all gone a bit Pete Tong

THE Big Weekend will be a real homecoming for Kent-born superstar DJ Pete Tong.

Tong, pictured, will be in the line-up at The Official Aftershow on Saturday, May 10, where he will demonstrate the skills that have made him one of the world's biggest names in dance music.

He welcomed the decision to bring The Big Weekend and its inaugural aftershow party to the county town.

"There's been some great stuff coming out of Maidstone in terms of electronic music," he said. "We've never had an aftershow party before and this is a natural choice. It's totally appropriate, with its history of electronic music, to hold it in Maidstone."

While studying at King's School in Rochester, he became interested in drum-

### EXCLUSIVE

ming and was part of a heavy metal band until a school concert introduced him to a DJ for the first time. Tong, now 47, became heavily involved in the Kent music scene and landed his first radio job with Invicta.

"I grew up with the soul scene, rare groove and the early days of rap," he said.

"I suppose I was partly responsible for making it happen, but there was a circuit within the South East and we had strong groups of people going to each others' clubs."

He is looking forward to sharing the bill with headliner Laurent Garnier, who has played at Tong's club in Ibiza several times.

"He's a complete maverick and he doesn't follow any edict," he said.

"We all hunt around for great new records, but he's just as likely to play something from 20 years ago. Anyone who hasn't seen him definitely should."

Pete Tong broadcasts on Radio 1 from 7-9pm every Friday.

## Find out who's playing

THE full line-up of bands playing at the Big Weekend will be revealed throughout the day on Radio 1 shows on Monday.

Chris Moyles will announce some of the acts to join Scouting for Girls, followed by Jo Whiley, Edith Bowman, Scott Mills and Zane Lowe. How to register for tickets will then also be revealed.

The full line-up and how to get tickets will also appear on [www.yourmaidstone.co.uk](http://www.yourmaidstone.co.uk) and in next week's paper.

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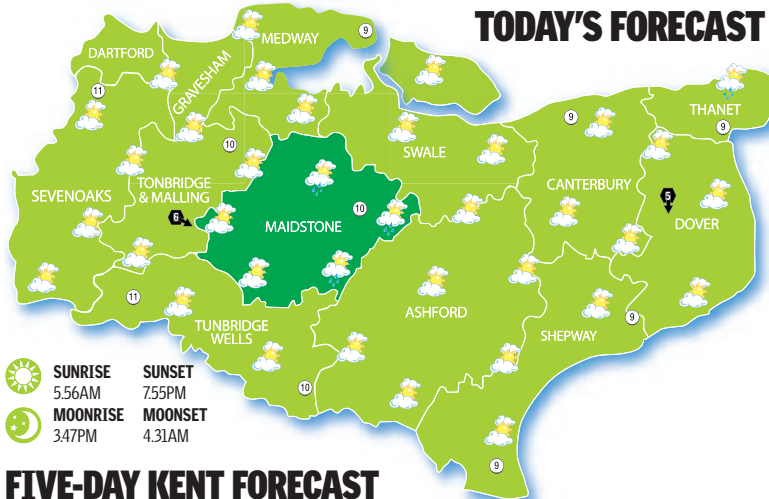
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Dover	Saturday	10:24am	5.9m
	Sunday	11:01am	6.1m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:09am	6.5m
	Sunday	10:51am	6.9m
Ramsgate	Saturday	10:54am	4.5m
	Sunday	11:31am	4.7m
Sheerness	Saturday	11:42am	5.5m
	Sunday	12:28pm	5.6m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:00pm	5.1m
	Sunday	12:45pm	5.2m

## AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

Amsterdam	11°C	Madrid	15°C
Athens	22°C	New York	12°C
Barcelona	15°C	Paris	8°C
Beijing	25°C	Rome	16°C
Bombay	33°C	Sydney	15°C
Cape Town	25°C	Tenerife	21°C
Cardiff	10°C	Tokyo	13°C
Gibraltar	18°C	Vancouver	12°C
Hong Kong	26°C	Warsaw	18°C
Las Palmas	22°C	Wellington	17°C

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**MOONSET**  
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Ashford	12°C	12°C	11°C	13°C	17°C	Gravesend	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	14°C
Canterbury	10°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	14°C	Maidstone	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	14°C
Chatham	10°C	9°C	10°C	13°C	13°C	Ramsgate	10°C	10°C	11°C	13°C	14°C
Dartford	12°C	11°C	11°C	13°C	14°C	Rochester	10°C	9°C	10°C	13°C	13°C
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## NEWS IN BRIEF



## Lecturer off to help save lions in Africa

A LECTURER from Hadlow College will fly out to Africa this month to stop lions being hunted to the brink of extinction in the country of his birth.

Manando Mvula is about to embark on a five month programme with the African Lion Working Group in South Luangwa National Park, Zambia. He will also develop a trophy selection program to help stamp out hunting in conjunction with Zambia Wildlife Authority.

He said: "The general African lion population is dwindling and there is need to investigate and address the issue for the sake of lion and other wildlife conservation."

The 39-year-old will also help build an antenatal clinic under an initiative called the High Five Club, fronted by himself and his wife.

The clinic will be built in the Luangwa Valley in Zambia, thanks to £2,500 which was part-funded by Hadlow College, Eastbourne College and Mr Mvula's friends.

Mr Mvula came to the UK from Zambia in 1998 to study for a masters degree in conservation tourism management. He lectures in wildlife conservation and animal management, animal/human conflict resolution, and wildlife rehabilitation at Hadlow College.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HILARY NEWPORT



**Q** Can you tell us about your role in Kent?

**A** My job is to represent the Campaign to Protect Rural England at debates and in public, helping to make sure the proper respect is given to the environment and our landscapes when planning decisions are made.

CPRE is one of the oldest environmental campaign groups and as an independent charity all our work is financed entirely by membership subscriptions, donations and legacies.

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Our work is carried out partly by the many volunteers who are based all around Kent and Medway, and who act as CPRE's eyes and ears at local level, and partly by the staff, including myself, based at the office just outside Ashford.

I joined CPRE Kent early in 2003 and since then I've never ceased to be amazed at the level of commitment and passion so many people have for their countryside.

**Q** What attracted you to the job and how did you get the position?

**A** It's my dream job! I've always known I wanted to work in a role that allowed me to protect our environment in some way and so far I've been privileged to be able to do that.

In my previous job I helped advise companies who wanted to limit their impact on the environment, reducing pollution and waste genera-

tion, reducing water and transport demands (and, perhaps most importantly, reducing their costs at the same time).

My job with CPRE allows me to work with a range of people and to help them make a difference for the better in their own environment. And there's always something new to learn.

**Q** What accomplishment in your life are you most proud of?

**A** Finally being awarded my PhD in biology; nobody told me what a difficult path it would be and it took a long, long time. But it taught me a great deal about how human impact on our environment can be reduced.

**Q** Can you tell us about where you live?

**A** I grew up near the sea in North Wales, studied in Essex, and spent a long time working in Hertfordshire and then Oxfordshire.

I moved to Herne Bay in 2002 and I love being in walking distance of the beach once again! Sometimes you don't know how much local landscapes mean to you until you realise you miss them.

**Q** What do you like about Maidstone?

**A** The historical buildings, parks and river are lovely, and I don't think nearly enough is made of them. However, the ugly 'retail shed' developments that have taken up so much of the riverside space are a criminal waste.

**Q** What are your thoughts on the proposed Kent International Gateway development in Bearsted?

**A** Horrendous, horrendous, horrendous. It's on a totally inappropriate scale, in totally the wrong place, and the noise, air and light pollution it would generate – let alone its impact on overall carbon emissions when so many people are now becoming so aware of the need to cut the use of fossil fuels – are just unacceptable.

It's right on the boundary of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding National Beauty – a nationally important asset which deserves the highest levels of protection.

CPRE Kent will do all it can to oppose this.

**Q** What are your hobbies and interests?

**A** I love the Great British Outdoors! I adore walking.

My husband introduced me to the Lake District and the Scottish Highlands, but I needed no introduction to Wales' mountains and moors.

We must have walked hundreds of miles around Kent's coastline and footpaths since we moved to the county, and yet there's always something new to explore.

There are still parts of the North Downs Way I have yet to cover and I've barely scratched the surface of the High Weald AONB yet.

I know there are many other parts of the world with beautiful landscapes but I don't know anywhere that packs as much punch, with as much variety, as Britain does.

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The 43-year-old Campaign to Protect Rural England representative took the time to speak to reporter **Lauren Mumford** about her job, living in Kent and the beauty of walking along our delightful coastline.



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## EDITOR'S CHOICE

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# Rural policing now a priority says top cop

■ BY ED HILL

THE county's police chief has vowed to ease the fears of those living in rural areas amid claims they feel "isolated" by lack of adequate policing.

Kent's chief constable Michael Fuller pledged to ensure rural policing was a priority for the force at a special conference staged last week dedicated to the issue.

Joined by a panel of experts, the event at the Ashford International Hotel was designed to give local groups from across the county the chance to speak face-to-face with police officers and address their concerns.

Mr Fuller said: "We have made a big commitment to policing in rural communities. We want people in the country to feel they are getting the same level of policing as those in the urban areas.

## Isolated

"I understand people [who live] in the country may feel isolated at times. One of our aims is to deal with that feeling of isolation.

"Every neighbourhood is going to have a named point of contact, whether that is a police officer or a PCSO or community warden. They can speak to them if they have a problem that is affecting their quality of life in the area."

But Mr Fuller said he recognised the force needs to improve the quality of service that it gives the public in general.

He said: "There are ways that we know we can improve. Communication with the public is very important. People who ring us with a problem need to be kept updated with how our investigations are going."

He also said the victims of crime need to be supported more by the police.

The conference was chaired by Ann Barnes of the Kent Police Authority who said the conference allowed those living in the country to engage with the force.



**TASK FORCE:** Ann Barnes of the Kent Police Authority (second left) and Kent's police chief Mike Fuller (second right) flanked by Kelly Greenwood and Nigel Freeman, discussed the issues facing rural policing across Kent

She said: "I have a vested interest myself because I come from a rural community, the Elham Valley.

"We have different policing issues compared to people in the towns. From the police authority's point of view it is important to ensure that the taxpayers of Kent are getting value for money."

However, Mrs Barnes said that often the police were blamed for problems that were not their responsibility.

She said: "Many of the issues are ones we have everywhere.

"Things like rubbish, graffiti and anti-social

behaviour. These are really community issues." She also admitted police resources were limited, saying: "We only have a certain amount of money and that does get spread quite thinly at times.

"We need to make sure the police's priorities are local people's priorities as well. We can't do things for all people all the time, we just do not have the resources.

"The message that's really coming out of this conference is that we all have to work together, the police, councils, the community - we have to combine to make life a little bit better in our local communities."

## Company snaps up green award

A GREEN renewable energy firm has won the top prize of £20,000 after winning this year's Kent Innovation Challenge.

The competition is an annual hunt for the county's brightest entrepreneurs and most innovative businesses, and is supported by KOS Media - publishers of this newspaper.

This year's winner was Canterbury-based firm Oil Drum Limited - which won the gong through its use of a complex process which increases fuel efficiency in commercial vehicles while simultaneously reducing the level of gas emissions from the engines.

Formed in 2006 by Darryl Watts, it won £20,000 in cash, free rent for a one year at the Canterbury Enterprise Hub, free business and banking support from NatWest for 18 months, up to ten days free business mentoring from Business Link Kent, plus £5,000 of legal support and the production of a corporate video.

David Butler, director of Canterbury Enterprise Hub, said: "The team at Oil Drum Limited is a dynamic example of how entrepreneurs can use innovative ideas for the benefit of the environment - they well and truly deserve this award."

## Plastic is major cause of coastal litter issues

THE amount of rubbish being dumped on the county's coastline is hitting record levels, according to a new report.

The Marine Conservation Society's 2007 Beachwatch survey revealed that nationwide plastic litter left discarded on beaches has increased by 126 per cent since the survey began in 1994.

And chief among the debris are plastic bags, plastic drinks bottles and plastic-based cigarette butts; all of which pose a threat to both the environment and sealife.

Emma Snowden, MCS litter projects co-ordinator, said: "The plastic litter problem needs to be tackled at all levels, from grass-roots through to Government, while industry and retail sectors must acknowledge the need to reduce plastic bag use and packaging."

The survey is based on data collected by almost 4,000 volunteers on 354 beaches up and down the country.



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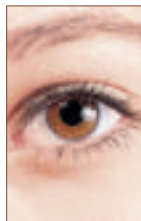
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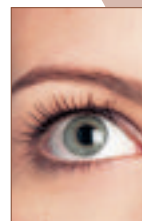


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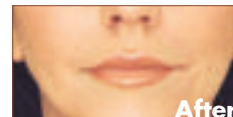
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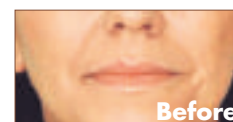
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# Home and work is where war on superbugs begins

BY JENNA PUDELEK

WITH a growing number of people carrying MRSA on their skin and the threat of more virulent strains arriving from the US more focus needs to be put on hygiene in homes and workplaces, experts have warned.

The Government's 'deep cleaning' programme will not help tackle superbugs alone – to get MRSA under control the killer infection must be stopped in the community and people's homes, according to a professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

KOS Media's campaign to improve and raise awareness about hand hygiene in Kent homes and workplaces, as well as in hospitals and healthcare centres, is backed-up by the report.

The award-winning publishers have been working alongside the NHS in the county to help in the fight against superbugs after 90 patients in west Kent died from Clostridium difficile during one of the worst outbreaks of the infectious diarrhoea bug in the country.

## Measures

Professor Sally Bloomfield said: "This is not about shifting blame. Hospitals are now diverting huge resources towards controlling these infections, which they would prefer to spend on delivering the level of healthcare which we now all expect.

"But it is important to stress that controlling MRSA is not about obsessive 'deep cleaning' of our homes. It is about applying simple hygiene measures."

She said the "key super highways" for the spread of MRSA are the hands, as well as surfaces that come into contact with our hands, cleaning cloths and other utensils.

Regular hand washing or using alcohol gel and disinfecting areas such as door handles, taps, telephones and computer keyboards is essential, she said.



Currently around two per cent of people carry MRSA on their skin and Ms Bloomfield said this figure was increasing.

In America a new strain of community-associated MRSA is proving a big challenge because it is harder to treat and as its name suggests, is affecting people outside of healthcare environments.

This strain is not yet common in the UK, but could be the next challenge to face the NHS after a more severe strain of C diff crossed the Atlantic in 2004.

Dr James Nash, a consultant microbiologist and director of infection control and prevention for East Kent NHS Hospitals Trust, agreed that more focus is needed to improve hygiene in the home – particularly getting people to wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating.

But he said homes in the UK were not yet a significant source of MRSA, although that could change in the future if the American strains become more prevalent.

**Ms Bloomfield suggests that family members should not share towels and face cloths.**

Mr Nash said: "One has to strike a balance and I think it is impractical to expect that we can protect ourselves from exposure to bacteria carried by our partners."

Asked whether similar attention to home hygiene would help tackle C diff, an infection where exposure to antibiotics is the major risk factor, he said: "Yes, but nevertheless it is an infection that spreads when the environment



**IN OUR HANDS:** Dr James Nash says washing your hands kills bacteria that causes C diff... and saves lives becomes contaminated and when contacts of patients fail to protect themselves and others by hand washing."

Ms Bloomfield added: "If we can reduce the number of people carrying MRSA as part of their normal body flora, we can limit the number of 'carriers' entering hospital as patients [or visitors] – who then either get an MRSA infection themselves or pass it on to other patients."

The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is part of the University of London and is internationally recognised as a centre of excellence in public health.

## Who has the most funds for charity?

JUST days are left in the search for 'Britain's Most Inspiring Fundraiser'.

If you know someone in Kent who deserves recognition or you are involved in helping raise funds for a charity, then Friday is the deadline for entries.

Charity search engine Everyclick.com is calling on people across the county to recognise the exceptional fundraising efforts of locals and take this opportunity to share their stories.

The UK-wide competition is being held in memory of renowned fundraiser Jane Tomlinson and the winner will receive £20,000 for their chosen charity.

Jane raised more than £1.75 million for cancer charities through a series of gruelling physical challenges whilst battling breast cancer herself.

Nicole Dryburgh, from Whistable, has already been nominated for her fundraising efforts for Demelza House and Kings College Hospital.

A spokesman for the organisers said: "Nicole is blind and uses a wheelchair. These disabilities were due to a malignant tumour she had on her spine.

"She was 13 when the tumour started and had a major fit due to it and the severity of the cancer gave her only months to live. She chose to fight and has done so for five years."

Nicole added: "They are all charities that helped me. I want to give something back."

## More rail users hop on board for Europe

EUROSTAR has reported a big increase in passengers since the opening of the new Ebbsfleet International Station.

But bosses have refused to reveal figures for the number of passengers using its Ebbsfleet and Ashford stations.

The Channel Tunnel rail operator has reported a 25 per cent increase in revenue in the first quarter of 2008, with passengers up 21 per cent.

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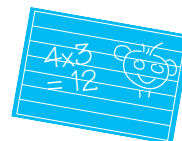
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## BREAK TIME



## Girls battle it out in football tournament

MORE than 100 youngsters took part in a girl's football tournament to battle for a place in the Kent School Games Finals.

Schools from across the borough took part in the Malling and Sevenoaks Partnership's Primary Girls Football Festival on Thursday, April 3, to get to the finals in June.

The event at Aylesford School Sports College saw Tunbury kick their way to victory against 18 other teams, which included Ditton, Snodland, Mereworth and More Park.

The girls also took part in a skills challenge, run by Castle Colts Ladies FC and competed for the 'FairPlay' award, which was won by Offham School.

This year's festival was organised by year ten Btech sport students from Aylesford School Sports College.

## Big bite of the apple

PUPILS got the chance to hit the shops and see the sights of New York on a school trip to remember.

Forty-one students in year ten and 11 at the New Line Learning Academy in Maidstone enjoyed a five day break in the Big Apple.

For the past three years the school has taken groups of youngsters to New York to give pupils an experience that will live with them forever.

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# Sarah, 11, plans 150 mile charity bike ride

■ BY LAUREN MUMFORD

A SCHOOLGIRL is planning to cycle more than 150 miles across England to help raise vital funds for people suffering with terminal illnesses.

Sarah Bosley, 11, from Weaving, will spend her May half-term cycling from Whitehaven, in Cumbria, to Sunderland to raise money for The Heart of Kent Hospice.

The year six pupil from St John's Primary School in Grove Green, Maidstone, is hoping to raise more than £1,000 for the hospice, which is based in Aylesford.

Headteacher Tim Harrington said: "It is great that the children can get involved to support those less fortunate."

"The school regularly takes part in money raising events, including cake sales, fancy dress and book days, and pupils ran a mile earlier this year in aid of Sport Relief."

Miss Bosley, who will be accompanied on her journey by her parents, will set off to face her challenge on Monday, May 26.

The challenge, which will take place over five days, will involve cycling 30 miles a day, with two days rest in between for a spot of sightseeing and relaxing.

As well as raising funds for the hospice, the pupil will donate 25 per cent of the money collected to her school.

Mr Harrington has not decided what the money will be spent on, but a commemorative bench for the children to sit on in the school playground, complete with a "The Bosley Bench" plaque is a favourite idea.

The name has been proposed to mark the fundraising her family has been involved in over the years.



**DEDICATED:** Headteacher Tim Harrington is pleased with Sarah Bosley's determination to raise valuable funds

In preparation for her bike ride the 11-year-old has cycled with the San Fairy Ann Cycling Club in Maidstone on her new racing bike, bought for her by her parents this Christmas.

The young sporting enthusiast is following in her mum's footsteps as Kate Bosley, the chief executive of the hospice, has previously taken part in cycling challenges across Cuba and India.

Miss Bosley hopes to continue raising money for charity and would love to take part in a

cycle challenge in Thailand when she is 12.

The Heart of Kent Hospice is a specialist care centre which provides expert care and support for patients with advanced cancer, motor neurone disease or other life threatening illnesses where treatment is no longer possible.

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## Be grateful for what you have and stop moaning

WHEN it comes to being fit, well and wealthy, Britain has never had it so good.

But alongside three decades of improvements in the quality of life comes another fact – we still love to have a good moan.

I was watching the news on the TV the other night and they ran a piece about a survey which has shown how grumpy a nation we are.

I looked up the survey on the internet and it said one in six people are uneasy about everything, half of young people are worried about money and drink-related deaths have doubled since the early 1990s among young men.

The findings are from an Office for National Statistics survey called "social trends". It says the benefits of higher earnings, loads of consumer goods on offer and travel opportunities are not all they are cracked up to be. Instead they are offset by a number of more gloomy facts.

The collapse of marriage, drinking habits and rising fear of crime are three of the reasons the UK is not such a happy place as it once was. And money obviously does not buy

happiness – wealth calculated on a home by home basis has doubled since 1987.

Illnesses are more easily treated and life expectancy has increased drastically.

The amount spent on foreign holidays and travel has increased by eight times in real terms since the early 1970s.

The same increase has been recorded in spending on leisure activities including sport, cinema and theatre. So why are we all so gloomy – is it just the British psyche?

I think it is, our consumer-driven way of life means people are quick to find fault and moan about things being less than perfect.

And that happens in a society where the self is one's primary concern.

One thing people complain about is poor service in stores, restaurants, bars, cafes etc.

And it's easy to do – no one wants to spend cash to be greeted with surly expressions and indifferent attitudes.

But look at it from the other side of the counter. The yooof – or middle aged person for that matter – has just the same attitude as the

customer – they matter most.

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It's a feeling that persists across British society in every walk of life. No one wants to really appreciate what is felt by anyone apart from themselves and their friends.

So that's one reason why we are all so gloomy – frustration with the fact that anyone else has breathing space. Then there is cash – however much we've got we want more.

Really it boils down to two things – other people are annoying and nothing is too good for me. So how about a little politeness and respect for others, and appreciation of what we have all got.

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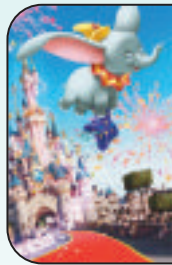


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## TALK TIME

### VICKY GRANTHAM

The 18-year-old budding journalist took some time out from studying and her volunteer work to talk to Yourmaidstone about why she wants to work in the media industry



#### What made you want to be a journalist?

Well I love writing for a start. The job's fast-paced, active and eventually it will be a great opportunity for me to do a bit of travelling – I would really like to visit the Amazon to do volunteer work and write.

I would like to get started at a local newspaper as soon as I finish school and start uncovering the truth and writing scandalous, but serious news stories.

#### What steps have you made to get your career in journalism started?

I've done some work experience at local newspapers but now I have a volunteer role at Macmillan Cancer Support as a press/media volunteer. The charity advertised at my school, Oakwood Park Grammar and my teacher immediately thought I might be interested and showed me the advert.

I jumped at the chance and went straight round to the offices and got the job. I write the press releases and work mainly on the fundraising side of things, talking to fundraisers and other businesses. Macmillan is a charity I support as members of my family have experienced cancer so it's an extremely rewarding charity to work for.

#### Can you tell us about where you live?

I have lived in Yalding for the past seven years. I moved here with my mum, who used to live in Maidstone.

We like it – it's quite scenic especially when it floods. Being 18 I have also now discovered my local pub, which is really nice.

## YOUR LETTERS



### There's something sick about justice

What price justice? About as valuable as what a politician said last week.

Motorists caught speeding outside Maidstone Hospital can rightly expect fines and points on their licence.

But if 90 patients inside die from a contracted infection, there is a deafening silence from our law enforcement agencies.

This is in contrast to the cry from Rose Gibb, the former hospital trust chief executive who left following the scandal, who now appears to be set to sue the trust for compensation and damages... plus interest.

Where is the opposing cry from the police and Crown Prosecution Service to bring criminal charges against her and James Lee, the former hospital trust chairman?

Did not these two owe patients a duty of care? Are they not in gross breach of that duty? Or were the 90 deaths an aberration?

Your readers should note that on April 6 the Corporate Manslaughter and Corporate Homicide Act 2007 came into effect.

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single person in a company or corporation made a decision that led to a death.

This legislation allows a closer

look at how a fatal activity was managed or organised throughout an organisation.

This will include the systems, procedures and processes for managing safety and how they operate in practice.

If the police and CPS do nothing to clear up this unholy mess, the well of public confidence in justice will have been truly poisoned.

John Stanford, Maidstone  
by letter

## My anger rose at NHS suing story

It is scandalous that former hospital trust chief executive Rose Gibb thinks she can get away with suing the NHS for the huge sum of £250,000.

Why does she think she deserves a single penny after the appalling way her trust has acted and cost the lives of people supposedly in its care?

The fact that this is even being considered – no doubt at a high cost in legal fees – is absolute nonsense.

I accept that her contracts are between her and her employer, but for her to think she has the right to walk away with such a large sum of money is nothing short of despicable.

At the very least she should be thinking about handing over the money to the relatives of the people entrusted to the care of her organisation who lost their lives.

The crowning insult is the interest she is charging of £54 a day.

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Roger Ambler, from Maidstone  
by letter



## Report is something to smile about

It is good news that a massive cash grant is going to help the people of Maidstone when it comes to dental care, but should it really be necessary?

I accept that such treatment can be expensive but in days when we are constantly being informed that health is the most important single aspect of our lives, why are not more subsidies available for such treatment?

Dental care is one of the most expensive things in England and receives next to no support.

America is always regarded as the place where such medical attention is at its most expensive, but dental care is very often free via an insurance scheme costing less than 50 dollars a year.

If you contrast this with a recent appointment I had – a filling for a “rock bottom £195” then the contrast is obvious. And when I paid, the dentist actually complained it wasn’t really worth the one hour of his time to treat me.

In times when health seems to be on everyone’s mind, more cash for

dental health should be forthcoming all the time.

Still the actions you reported last week are a welcome start.

Melissa Nash, from Larkfield  
by email

## Help yourself to beat the risks of disease

Despite the recent news coverage about the link between lifestyle and cancer, research shows there is still a lack of awareness about how we can make positive choices to reduce our cancer risk.

For example, only half of people are aware that being overweight increases cancer risk and less than a third know that eating processed meat is a cause of cancer.

I am writing to let your readers know that choosing a healthy lifestyle can make a real difference to their risk of developing cancer. In fact, scientists estimate that about a third of cancers could be prevented just through healthy eating, regular physical activity and being a healthy weight.

If people want to find out more, they can download our publications at [www.wcrf-uk.org/publications](http://www.wcrf-uk.org/publications) or call 020 7343 4205 and ask for information to be sent to them.

Lisa Cooney, head of education for the World Cancer Research Fund  
by email

## Running cancer out of men’s lives

I write to urge runners of all abilities to help fund the fight

against testicular and prostate cancer by taking part in the Edinburgh Marathon for the Everyman Male Cancer Campaign.

Everyman is a Silver Charity partner for the 2008 Edinburgh Marathon, staged on Sunday, May 25, and still has places available in both the full marathon and the Hairy Haggis Team Relay.

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The event is not just for hardened marathon runners: the Hairy Haggis Relay offers entrants the chance to team up with three friends to run the marathon in four individual stages.

The Edinburgh Marathon is not only a great way to fundraise but also provides you with the chance to get fit for a good cause.

Edinburgh is a fantastic city and the Hairy Haggis Relay means you don’t have to take on the 26.2 miles by yourself. All money raised will help its scientists continue their groundbreaking research into prostate and testicular cancer at the Everyman Centre.

For a place on the team or for further information on the Edinburgh Marathon please contact Joanna Wallis at Everyman on 0800 731 9468 or email [joanna.wallis@icrac.ac.uk](mailto:joanna.wallis@icrac.ac.uk) before Friday.

Lorraine Kelly, GMTV presenter  
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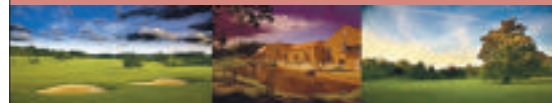


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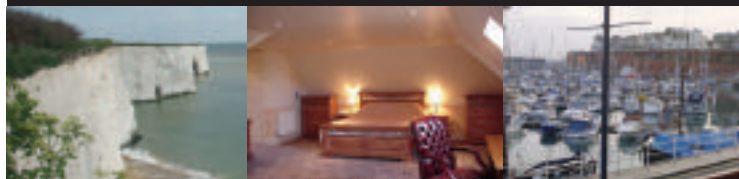
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Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats was a favourite book of Lloyd Webber's as a child and he began writing the musical in 1977, originally envisaging it as a concert anthology. But when TS Eliot's wife showed him unpublished poems that suggested a more defined storyline, he enlisted the help of Trevor Nunn and they set about creating the musical.

As he was used to writing the music first, to which lyrics were then

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In 1960 Lee moved from his West Country home to London to pursue a career in rock 'n' roll before discovering a love of country music. In the early 70s he founded Heads, Hands & Feet. The line-up included Chas Hodges and Dave Peacock, who later became the famed Chas & Dave.

Over the years he has worked with various music legends and is cited as an influence by country stars such as Brad Paisley, Ricky Skaggs and Keith Urban.

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## MARTI PELLOW

Tuesday, April 29  
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Tunbridge Wells



FROM producing feel-good pop to singing the jazz standards, Marti Pellow has shown he is a versatile performer.

Fresh from a recent residency at the revered Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London, Pellow is on the road promoting his new album Sentimental Me.

Pellow, now 43, has not always had an easy journey from the heady days of pop success with Wet Wet Wet, but he believes that his open-minded fans have made life easier.

"They've grown up with me and it's a real testament to my fan base that they're brave enough to come on board," he said.

With Wet Wet Wet, who reformed in 2004, Pellow enjoyed 25 UK Top 40 singles, three number ones and 15 million album sales.

His first solo album went straight to number one and he has also had a starring role in the musical Chicago.

The gig starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £30.

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The play is being staged at The Oast Theatre in London Road, Tonbridge, from Saturday, April 26, to Saturday, May 3. Tickets cost £8/£7. To book call the box office on 01732 363849.

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## Growing new musical talent down on the mushroom farm

BY MARIJKE COX

A MUSHROOM farm may not be the first place you think of as a potential dream factory for some of the freshest musical talent.

But lurking among a number of units on the site of the fungi firm in Bilting – between Ashford and Canterbury – is Diverse Music; a music studio offering the chance for musicians and performers to lay down the tracks they hope will catapult them to stardom.

The company, set up in 2003 by Malissa Whitehouse and Tony Mathew, has supported a long list of successful artists and boasts a recording studio facility. Its creators have worked with a number of top names – such as Kylie Minogue and Jamelia – and have been in the business for years.

Malissa said: "By setting up in Kent we're giving local people the chance to improve their skill, whether they're a musician or singer, and give them an outlet so they can come and record."

"Before we moved here Tony and I were working on a number of freelance projects and thought it would be great to have our own facility in Kent, especially with all the activity here. Since we've done that it's become a hub for musicians and we've attracted many good new bands and artists. Some of them are now going forward to talk to record companies."

As well as providing guidance and facilities for up and coming artists, the team at Diverse Music also has plans for open audition sessions later in the year.

Malissa said: "They will be carried out over a few days and we'll whittle it down to a select-



**FOR THE RECORD:** The Diverse Music team are Malissa Whitehouse and Tony Mathew. Friction, pictured right, are Johnny Wright, Neil Painter and Dave Stanton

ed few who can then feature on some of the big productions that we do."

A music boot camp is also being set up for the summer months, where local talent can develop their skills with the help of the production team.

### Sessions

Along with plans for the future, the team have continued with a popular feature called Pop Sessions, which initially helped fund the company. Especially popular with hen and stag parties, the service allows people to gain access to a top London studio and record a song of their choice.

Among the many up and coming artists working with the Diverse Music team, is the already popular boy band Friction who have just been signed by management production company Famecity.

Made up of Birmingham lads Dave Stanton, 22, Neil Painter, 22, and Johnny Wright, 21, their music incorporates pop and R&B.



Friction have been spending time at the studio recording their single Kinda Strange, written by Malissa and produced by Tony.

Dave said: "We've been going for seven years and had interest from people who've sold millions of records."

"We've been offered deals that just haven't suited us or worked out so we're pleased we are where we are now, doing what we love."

Neil said: "The path we've chosen has led us to where we are and we appreciate what we have now because of what we've been through. We've had good times and bad, which is actually a good thing because we can draw from our experiences."

Johnny said: "We're trying a lot of different

sounds at the moment but our hearts are really into R&B and pop."

"People are crying out for a UK R&B act. If you look at the charts it's all been American artists so it's good to be doing this in the UK."

Malissa and Tony have been working closely with the band who they believe will go far.

As well as R&B and pop, the company invites all types of artist to come in and see them. Malissa said: "Most production companies specialise in just pop or rock but we're very diverse, hence Diverse Music, so anyone who thinks they have talent should contact us."

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### Two-for-one on a wide range of stationery

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Visit [www.whsmith.co.uk](http://www.whsmith.co.uk).

### Find out what's Next in cool summer fashions

SHOPPERS can now spring into summer with Next's new collection.

The stores at The Mall Chequers and in Fremlin Walk have launched its summer range, which includes colourful dresses, trousers and fashionable tops.

Men can also benefit from new summer suits, T-shirts, shoes and jackets, or check out the latest designer range from brands such as Penguin, Levis and Firetrap.

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### Take a healthy interest in store's price cuts

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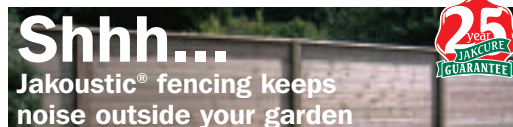
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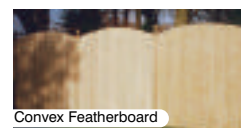
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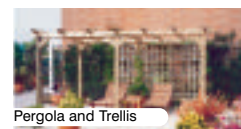


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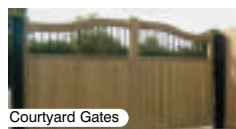


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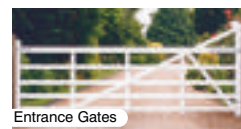


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GRAPHIC: A1 graphics make Headcases worth a watch, with the princes especially well rendered



### TRAFFIC COPS

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"PC ROBINSON is about to cut short the men's Happy Meal!"  
Now if that's not a threat then I don't know what is.

Nevertheless, a crime's a crime and narrator Jamie Theakston – in his best long-arm-of-the-law voice – tried valiantly to inject some semblance of drama into Traffic Cops, the latest fly-on-the-wall show. Yep, the Boys in Blue are charging around in their Skoda Octavias, tracking down rapscallion, lawnmower thieves to the nearest McDonald's drive-thru. It's hardly Starsky and Hutch, but I guess you're only as good as your criminals.

Meanwhile, it was slapping hand on forehead time when I heard ITV were to resurrect the spirit of Spitting Image for a second time.

I've fond memories of the daddy of all lampoon shows from my youth and teen years but hated 2DTV, the previous stab at this kind of Sunday satire.

So I tuned in to Headcases with notepad in hand and a freshly-sharpened pencil looking like a member of the Traffic Cops ready to take down

### BY TOM BETTS

the show's particulars.

The bad news is it doesn't match up to the puppets which, when on target, were peerless.

It also goes over a lot of old ground as too much time is devoted to Posh and Becks, who Alastair MacGowan and Ronni Ancona did to death years ago. Add that to the fact political correctness dictates just how close to the bone shows like this can actually cut and it could have been a disaster.

But, with all that in mind, this isn't half bad and worth a look as you lie in bed trying to stave off Monday morning for just that half hour longer.

Sketches involving Daniel Craig and Piers Morgan all scored points while the send-up of Dames Judi Dench and Helen Mirren had a lot of charm. But the real selling point here is the animation, which is A1.

Computer wizardry has come far in the space of a decade and some of the visuals are excellent. Particularly well rendered are Princes William and Harry and Jeremy Clarkson.

It's no classic, but from the channel that's given us Adrian Edmonson's embarrassing dad "comedy" Teenage Kicks, it's a step in the right direction.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**YOU'LL** be on the move for most of the week, which is just how you like it. Give more thought to domestic pursuits before the weekend. Spending time with your nearest and dearest will prove deeply satisfying making this a good time to introduce new plans to the family.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

**KEEPING** a low profile will help you work toward some career goals. Put together a portfolio of your creative work. Don't hesitate to work as an intern or volunteer as a means to get your foot in the door of a great organisation. You could get a chance to show off your abilities.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**VENTURING** into unknown territory will be good for you. This decision could open exciting new doors you never even knew existed. Don't assume a colleague will follow through on a promise to do an assignment. You're better off handling this job yourself.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**YOU'LL** be very busy at work, which is just the way you like it. It's possible you will be even more productive if you work from home. Ask your boss if you can swing such an arrangement. A close business or romantic relationship gives you the courage to make a big change.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**THIS** is the final week in a profitable month-long cycle so be sure to take make the most of it. It may not be wise to give a friend a generous loan, as this person may have no intention of paying you back. A flirtatious conversation with a love interest makes your spirits soar.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

**BEING** a team player will yield better results than going solo. You could get a big boost from an expert who is willing to share their knowledge with you, so be sure to listen when dealing with this person. Spending more time at home will be a welcome change.

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### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**YOUR** powers of persuasion are red hot, so why not use them? Don't pretend to know more than you do about an obscure subject. If you're looking for a new job or role now is the time to rally your ideas and organise your supporters with tact, diplomacy and ruthless efficiency.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**YOUR** creative juices will flow like a mighty river, attracting plenty of romantic attention. You've got your eye on an idealistic dreamer who has a gift with words. If you're already in a relationship, take this opportunity to pen a love letter to your partner.

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### ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**THE** beginning of the week will be filled with social pursuits. Nothing lifts your spirits like mingling with a big crowd. You could be handed an important work project towards the end of the week. It will seem more like play than work. It's wise to negotiate for a raise or bonus.

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### CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**YOUR** star will continue to rise at work this week. Your employer may fund a course that will add to your qualifications and expertise. Getting this career boost for free is an opportunity you can't afford to miss. If you are given a choice between a flat salary or commission, pick the latter.

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### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**YOU'VE** always been very attentive to your nearest and dearest and this week is no exception. Wining and dining the object of your affection will result in a blissful evening together. Follow a hunch about an investment. It could provide you with long term financial security.

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### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**MAKING** improvements to your lifestyle is long overdue, but be prepared to spend a little more cash than you think. Don't expect too much of an impulsive relative. They may promise more than they can deliver. If you're looking for love, you could find it at a dinner party.

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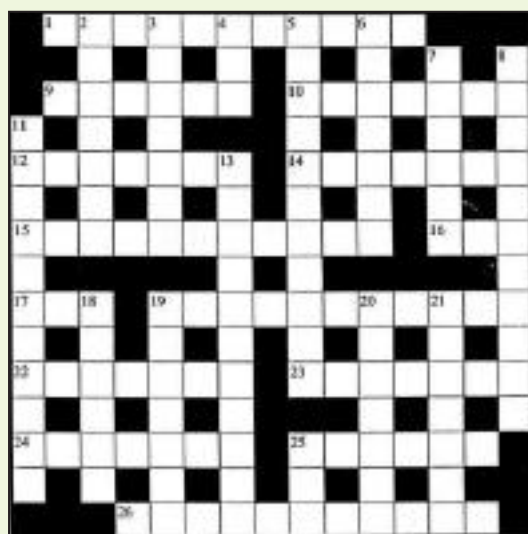
#### ACROSS

- 1 Boxer lacking in solemnity? (11)
- 9 Incarnation of Virginia taken in by a sailor (6)
- 10 I replace nothing in astronomer's last name (7)
- 12 Lady found protection on the pond (4,3)
- 14 Found in some drinks cool Hal mixed (7)
- 15 Past it in the next valley? (4,3,4)
- 16 Small unfinished container (3)
- 17 Presumed to include the lot (3)
- 19 Soldiers suspect sailor, the Parisian to be feared (11)
- 22 So I trot round for the dish (7)
- 23 Triangle existing always? (7)
- 24 Permanent living (7)
- 25 One or other of three I confused! (6)
- 26 Rose, if upset, becomes troublesome (11)

#### DOWN

- 2 Occupy fully as it's endlessly complicated (7)
- 3 Popular nightclub a place of high radioactivity (3,4)
- 4 Beware conflict therein (3)
- 5 Intrigued at remarkable ungratefulness (11)
- 6 He left one state going round and round (7)
- 7 Out-of-date item of headwear (3,3)
- 8 Old instrument at one time used by learners putting ring on another instrument (11)
- 11 Red River (11)
- 13 Nothing to fear from battleship (11)
- 18 Mother's contract for resin (6)
- 19 Part of the ship's rigging behind Pied Piper! (7)
- 20 Chirpy speaker? (7)
- 21 In addition dandy went round for a ribbon (7)
- 25 Being selfishly contained (3)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Document carrier (7-4)
- 9 For the time being (3,3)
- 10 Capital of Kenya (7)
- 12 Rather pale (7)
- 14 Intellectual (7)
- 15 Enlivened (11)
- 16 Whisky (3)
- 17 Equality (3)
- 19 Telephonist's console (11)
- 22 Delay (4-3)
- 23 Capital of Iran (7)
- 24 Hunting cry (5-2)
- 25 Marine (anag.) (6)
- 26 Publicity (11)

#### DOWN

- 2 Stain (7)
- 3 Emmets' home (7)
- 4 Border of cloth (3)
- 5 NE US state (11)
- 6 Took a deep draught (7)
- 7 Attitudiniser (6)
- 8 Discerning the thoughts of another (4-7)
- 11 Yam (5-6)
- 13 Zigzag pattern (11)
- 18 Wrinkle (6)
- 19 Spread out (7)
- 20 West Indian islands (7)
- 21 Publicly accuse (7)
- 25 Rodent (3)

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26 Unman 27 Stew 28 Receptacle. DOWN:  
1 Samaria 2 Doric 3 Latin America 4  
Befriend 5 Cachet 7 Archivist 8 Sternly 12  
Passion fruit 15 Unsheathe 17 Scalable 18  
Vicious 20 Cleanse 21 Decree 23 Mimic.

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7 Poser 8 Mind-reading 11 Sweet-potato  
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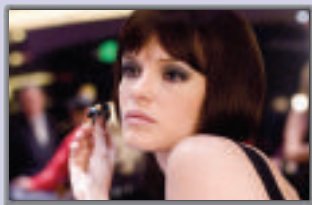
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# Mick shines a light on nerves

■ BY SHEREEN LOW

HE has performed in front of stadium-sized crowds for decades, and met the Queen, so it seems unlikely that nerves would affect Sir Mick Jagger.

Yet the 64-year-old rock star admits that shooting the Martin Scorsese-directed concert documentary Shine A Light made him slightly anxious.

"Shooting this movie was quite nerve-racking in some ways for us, and in other ways it was fantastically enjoyable," says the Rolling Stones frontman, who grew up in Dartford.

"It was quite a challenge. It was great fun, but it was a great challenge for everyone, both on the night and after it. It took us two days to shoot the picture, but we've spent four days doing the premieres and promotions. It's taken us twice as long doing that.

"You always see things as great fun, but they're also challenges, doing things that are slightly different from what you do normally."

Mick and band members Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Charlie Watts hardly needed to boost their career. The Rolling Stones have amassed 32 UK and US top 10 singles, sold more than 200 million albums worldwide, and are, arguably, the greatest rock and roll band in the world.

Featuring guest appearances by Christina Aguilera, Jack White and blues guitarist Buddy Guy, Shine A Light was shot at the intimate Beacon Theatre in New York during the band's A Bigger Bang tour – recorded as the highest grossing tour of all time – in 2006, though Mick reveals this wasn't his initial plan.

"At the beginning, I was thinking we would be doing some kind of film of this tour. And because we were doing this big concert in Rio de Janeiro on the beach, I started thinking it

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was going to be different than the normal concert," he explains.

"It was going to be a big event, a million people on the beach, a huge audience, a big occasion. There was going to be a lot of material in there to shoot. We even did a budget for that."

Eventually, the Oscar-winning Departed director, affectionately referred to as Marty, persuaded him otherwise.

"Marty said he really wanted to shoot something more intimate. So we'd come around completely – I'd gone from a million people, and he'd gone to something small," Mick continues, taking a sip of water.

The twice-married singer adds: "Marty didn't want to do it with big stages, because you're quite removed from a more intimate relationship between the audience and the performers. He felt that you don't really see much in the relationships in a big movie like that.



**JITTERS:** Sir Mick Jagger was nervous about filming

"Also, he wanted to be in a very confined space with a lot of cameras and a lot of different angles, which gives more control than being in a very large space.

"We also talked about shooting in 3D, and shooting in Imax, because it was such a big event," Mick recalls. "I was focused on this because I thought it was different. Marty seemed very excited by this idea."

Eventually, the pair decided to shoot in Imax, to enhance the cinematic experience for fans.

"The funny thing is that Marty, after looking at all the options, decided he wanted to make this small, intimate movie and I said, 'Well, the laugh is that, in the end, it's going to be blown up to this huge Imax thing, so the intimate moment is shown in Imax.' We got both so we're happy with that."



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## PERHAPS A COFFEE?

61-year-old lively, divorced, blonde, smart, medium build, looking for a gentleman to be knight in shining armour. Box 439019

## NEW FOUNDATIONS

Solvent, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179

## EXPERIENCE ALL THAT'S BEST

Divorced lady, 61, N's, medium build, loves movies, classic music, comedy, restaurants, cooking, gardening, reading, good times, looking for a gentleman to be knight in shining armour. Box 439019

## DON'T PASS ME BY

Young 61 year old, 5'11, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating out, life. I'm very adaptable, looking for LTR. Margate. Box 434242

## BOOK AROUND THE CLOCK

Loving, lively, cuddly female, 50, 5'4, loves rock music, walking, fits, WLM easygoing male for uncomplicated relationship. Box 849295

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## WHITESTABLE WONDERLAND

Hi, I'm Yvette, 50, separated, blonde hair/eyes, size 12, 5'2", likes cinema, meals and drinks out, reading, walks, looking for male, 40-60, for relationship. Box 420160

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Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating out, WLM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

## LAST CHANCE

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Bright, bubbly lady, 52, 5'4", blonde hair, recently divorced, own home and car, enjoys cinema, eating out, drinks, looking for companionship and friendship. Box 419966

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## MAGGIE MAY

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## Eco-friendly relaxation

BY GABRIELLE FAGAN

THERE are some things you definitely don't need on holiday; an email from the office asking you to return urgently, a tummy bug or bad weather, particularly if you have children.

But one peculiarly modern ailment is increasingly difficult to dodge – eco guilt. In particular the question “Am I wrecking the place for the locals who actually live here?”

Our preoccupation with the planet and all things green means if you're aware of conservation at home you can ruin your eco 'street cred' by leaving a huge carbon footprint in your holiday wake.

Thankfully, there's no need to restrict yourself and your family to a self-catering tent on a UK beach: a green wind of change is blowing through the world of luxury travel. It's now possible to find resorts which are a fusion of eco-sensitivity, where you can relax confident your impact on the environment is minimal.

Plenty awaits travellers to Thailand, now fully recovered from the tsunami and boasting new environmentally friendly destinations.

One new eco-resort is on a tiny, unspoiled west coast island called Yao Noi – in English this means 'little island'. At its heart, the new Six Senses Hideaway harmonises so well with its tropical surroundings that it is barely visible



**GREEN:** Forget about your carbon footprint at one of the new eco-resorts to be found in beautiful Thailand

from the private helicopter whisking you in over the Andaman Sea.

This beautiful development has been painstakingly put together. Only wooden nails were used in its construction, villas are made from sustainable local timbers, and all fabrics are either organic cotton or linens.

There are 56 spacious retreats – each with sun terrace and infinity pool – set in 24 acres of lush hillside, and the breathtaking views are a balm to the soul.

Tension melts away as you gaze, perhaps while lounging in the master suite or soaking

in a sunken bath, at Phang Nga Bay's sparkling waters, which lap at the white sands of private beaches.

The resort also sources pure water from underground wells and bans plastic bottles.

What could be more indulgent than your private butler? There's one per villa, serving champagne breakfast in bed as you watch the sunrise, or cocktails followed by a banquet on your candlelit deck in the evening.

With some reluctance, I sailed away from my island hideaway, but my next stop, the Rayavadee, fulfilled my 'green' expectations too. This resort also prides itself on harmony with the environment and has won awards for its sensitive eco-conscious development.

A short boat ride from Krabi, in Thailand's southern province, the first sight of Rayavadee at the end of the mountainous peninsula is spectacular. It is fringed by three National Park beaches, and the accommodation – double storey rondavels (circular colonial-style villas) – is artfully tucked away amid this former coconut plantation.

The resort is reminiscent of a Thai village, with meandering paths bordered by streams and swaying palms, and abundant flora and fauna nurtured by its own organically produced fertiliser. Recycled water keeps the surroundings lush during the dry season.

In Thailand I enjoyed privacy, peace and an escape from the world, but best of all, with a clear eco-conscience I could claim that the only footprint I left behind was on the white sand of the beaches.

### FACT FILE

Time difference	UK +6 hours
Capital	Bangkok
Population	Approx 63 million
Currency	Baht (62.5 to £1 approx)
Religion	Buddhist
Climate	Tropical
Language	Thai

### Holiday details

Gabrielle Fagan was a guest of long-haul specialist Hayes & Jarvis.

The company tailor-made her six-night journey, including three nights' B&B at Rayavadee, Krabi, and three nights' room-only at the new Six Senses Hideaway Yao Noi (formerly Evasion Hideaway & Spa) with flights from Thai Airways International from Heathrow.

This package starts at £1,669 in June, including domestic flights and boat transfers.

Hayes & Jarvis reservations are available on 0871 664 0246. Alternatively take a look at their website at [www.hayesandjarvis.co.uk](http://www.hayesandjarvis.co.uk).



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## BIRTHS

### AUGUSTYNAIK

Jozef James born on 4th March 2008, weighing 5lb 8oz. Son to Zoe and Paul in Manston.

### BAKER

Mark Baker and Sarah Bowman celebrate the birth of their daughter Keira Sophie Baker on 2nd April 2008.

### BASHFORD

Terry-James Lee Bashford. Born on 18th March, weighing 9lb 5oz. Son to Sonya.

### BECK

Victoria is delighted to announce the birth of her beautiful daughter Hope Charlotte Jennifer Marie on 9th March 2008 weighing 4lb 8oz at Pembury Hospital.

### BENNETT

Aleisha is delighted to announce the birth of her daughter Tiana Faith on 7th March 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 5lb 10z mother and daughter are both well.

### BRAND

Charlotte was born on the 22nd of March 2008, weighing 5lb 7oz. Daughter to Stuart and Virginia Brand in Dover.

### BROOKS

Jason and Leanne of Herne Bay are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter, Emily Marie, on 1st April 2008. A new baby sister for Dylan.

### DRURY

Paul and Julie are delighted to announce the birth of their son Joe Robert Drury, he was born on the 27th March 2008 at 10.15 am and weighed 8lb 7oz. He is a brother and playmate for Jake Paul Drury.

### DYLAN

Born on the 27th March 2008, weighing 8lb 10oz. Son to Laura Connell and Stephen Palmer.

### EMPTAGE

Karen and Owen Emptage of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Elizabeth May on 26th March 2008.

## FINNIGAN

Asa and Stephanie are proud to announce the birth of Edward Michael a brother for Poppy and Lucy.

### GARDINER

Molly May Lesley born on 17th March 2008, weighing 8lb 6oz. Daughter to Stuart and Tara in Ramsgate. Welcome sister to Rhys and Callum.

### HARVEY

To Michael and Kerry of Canterbury a gorgeous son, Michael George, born on 31st March 2008. A new baby brother for Alfie.

### HODGES

Christina and Martin are pleased to announce the birth of their son Jamie Robert Hodges on 31 March 2008. A brother for Chloe, Elena, Alex and Sophia.

### HUGHES

George born on 3rd April 2008, weighing 7lb 10oz. Son to David and Amy in Garlinge. Welcome brother to Mia and Alfie.

### JACKSON

Rayne Addison born on 18th March 2008, weighing 4lb 8oz. Daughter to Jonathan and Tammy Jackson in Margate. A sister for Xyanne - Star.

### JAFFREY

Paris and Jonathan celebrate the birth of their son Zak Harry Jaffrey, born on 28th March 2008.

### JONES

Rhys Dylan born on 1st April 2008, weighing 7lb 15oz. Son to Andrew and Tamara of Hamstreet.

### KEMP

Robert and Lisa Kemp of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Macey - Rose Alisha Kemp on 20th March 2008. A sister to Erin - Grace Joshua and Cameron.

### KEMP

Sara and Simon Kemp of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their daughter Rebecca Louise on 28th March 2008. A miracle promised by God.

## KENT

Michael and Margaret are the proud parents of Liam Matthew Kent. A brother to Joseph, born on 26th March 2008 weighing 6lb 3oz.

### KENYON-JONES

Simon and Susan of Faversham are delighted to welcome the safe arrival of their beautiful daughter, Elizabeth Eire, on 21st March 2008.

### LAWRENCE

Luke Edward born on 3rd April 2008, weighing 6lb 4oz. Son to Edward and Lorna in Birchington.

### MAHER

Brendan born on 29th February 2008, weighing 8lb 51/2oz. Son to Karl Gardiner and Elizabeth Maher in Ashford.

### MARTIN

Simon and Sue are proud to announce the safe arrival of Samuel David on 31st March 2008, weighing 9lb.

### MORRIS

Claire and Leigh celebrate the birth of their son Hadley James Morris on 23rd March 2008.

### NIX

Isobel Grace born on 31st March 2008. Daughter to Roxanne and Peter Nix in Dover.

### O'CONNOR

Zakary Omer born on 20th March 2008, weighing 7lb 5oz. Son to Eddie and Katie in Ramsgate.

### PAY

George Edward Pay born on 8th March 2008, 6lb 7oz. Son to Genevieve Sharp and Stuart Pay in Maidstone.

### PEAKE

Nathan born on Good Friday 21 March 2008, weighing 8lb 13oz. Son to Jennie and Matt Pooke in Pembury.

### RAS-KASSA

A gift from God was born on the 1st of March 2008: Tristan Elijah Ras-Kassa. Love from Mum xXx

## SCOTT -

**MALHOMME**  
Kevin and Amy Malhomme of Ash celebrate the birth of their daughter Summer Maureen Rosie Scott - Malhomme on 23rd March 2008. A sister to Jayden and Daniel.

### SMITH

Kacey Rose Smith born on 27th March 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. Daughter to Sarah Jane Thompson and Ricky Lloyd Smith in Darent Valley Hospital. Our special little angel.

### STEVENS

Claire and Neil Stevens of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Harry Kai on 27th March 2008.

### STEVENSON

Simon and Hilary Stevenson of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Emelia Beatrix Stevenson on 20th March 2008. A sister to Isabella.

### SUTTON

Henry Arthur, born on 31st March 2008, weighing 8lb 10oz. Son to Gemma Wilson-Hamilton and Nathan Sutton. Little brother for Freddie.

### THOMAS

Trent Lee born on 28th February 2008, weighing 8lb 9oz. Son to Hannah. Grandson to Kelvin. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### TURNER

Keira Amy born on 29th March 2008 weighing 6lb 8oz. Little sister for Jordan and Bethany.

### UPCHER- COUSENS

Mark and Donna are pleased to announce the birth of Alexander Peter George (7lb 6oz). Brother to Tanith and Rowan.

### VAUGHAN

Bryn Forrest Vaughan born on 19th March 2008, weighing 5lb 13oz. Son to Berne and Sarah in Chiddenden.

### WILKIE-HARRIS

Rebecca and David Wilkie-Harris of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Emily Eve Wilkie-Harris on 19th March 2008.

## DEATHS

### ARUNDELL

Robin Arundell of Maidstone died peacefully at home with his family around him on 27th March 2008. Enquiries to Viner and Son Funeral Directors, West Malling 01732 842485.

### BARKER

Peter John Barker of Sidcup, passed away suddenly but peacefully at Kent and Canterbury hospital on 26th March 2008.

### HOARE

Annie Charlotte Hoare of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 2nd April 2008. Beloved mum of Gary, daughter in law Wendy and loving Nanny to Georgina and Tony. She will be very sadly missed. The funeral was held at Barham on Saturday April 5th.

### HOPKINS

Tom (Joseph Thomas Noel) Hopkins of Dover passed away on 28th March 2008. Beloved husband of Roslyn, loving dad to Christine and John and much loved grandad to Kellie and Marc. The funeral was held on Thursday 10th March at Barham.

### JAMES

Kingsley of Tonbridge passed away on 1st April 2008. A loving brother and uncle who will be greatly missed. All enquiries to Abbey Funeral Services Tonbridge.

### JANDAY

Jasbir Singh Janday passed away on 28th March 2008. Much loved Husband of Amarjit and Father of Sushma, Steve, Balwinder Kaur, Balwinder Singh, Surrinder and Grandfather of Theresa and Gurpreet.

### LEPPARD

George of Forest Row, East Sussex died peacefully on 4th April. Loving Husband, Father and Grandfather. Funeral at Worth Crematorium on 17th April at 3.45pm.

## LUCAS

Patricia Ann Lucas of Minster on Sea passed away peacefully, at her home, on 24th March 2008. Beloved wife of Anthony and much loved mum to Jacqui, Alan and Garry also a much loved Nan to her two grandchildren. Funeral enquiries to Hognens of Rose Street, Sheerness.

### PARRY

Beatrice Flora Parry of Whitstable passed away suddenly but peacefully on 30th March 2008. Beloved mum of Laurance, daughter in law Sharon and loving Nan to Jamie and Rebecca. She will be very sadly missed. The funeral was held on Thursday April 10th at Barham.

### PARTER

Lilian Parter of Milton Regis (formerly Norton) passed away peacefully on 29th March 2008. A loving mum to George, Linda, Maureen, Denise and Lorraine. A much loved grandmother and great grandmother. She will be very sadly missed. The funeral took place at Charing on 10th April 2008.

### PEPPER

Brian Edward Pepper passed away peacefully on the 5th April 2008. A much loved father and grandfather he will be sadly missed. Funeral at Eltham Crematorium on 23rd April at 2.30pm. Donations welcome for The Lions Hospice in Brims memory.

### PLUMB

Elizabeth (Betty) nee Sage formerly of Jubilee Crescent passed away 1st April 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital. Cremation taken place at Medway Crematorium Friday 11th April. A loving Wife, Mother and Nan. Gone but never forgotten.

### ROBERTS

Lily Roberts of Herne Bay passed away peacefully on 1st April 2008. Loving wife of Bill and a much loved mum and Nan.

## SHARP

Derek (Derry/Jerry) of Northfleet. Passed away peacefully on 28th March 2008. Much loved Husband, Father and Grandad. Service at Eltham Crematorium on 17th April 2008 at 11.30am. All enquiries to Co-operative Funeral Care, Gravesend 01474 365980.

### SHIPTON

Roy Brian Shipton of Canterbury passed away peacefully on 7th April 2008. Loving husband of Susan. Much loved dad to Nicola and Lucy, also a much loved grandad. He will be very sadly missed but reunited with Neil. Funeral enquiries to C W Lyons of Canterbury.

### SHREEVE

Samuel Alfred Shreeve passed away peacefully on the 30th March 2008. He was surrounded by his family and will be truly missed. All enquiries to Co-operative 01322 - 332925.

### SPITTLES

Vera, wife of Harold William passed peacefully away after a short illness on 4th April. Will be sadly missed by her son Graham and her grandchildren Aaron and Fay. All enquiries regarding funeral via Hickmotts of Tunbridge Wells.

### TAYLOR

Daisy Taylor of Whitstable passed away suddenly at Margate hospital on 29th March 2008. Loving mum to June and Ken, much loved Nan to her three grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren. The funeral is to be held at Charing on Tuesday April 15th at 12.40.

### TIPPING

Walter Tipping passed away on 1st April 2008, aged 76. Thank you for all your kind wishes.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Research shows a trend towards long term investment

NEW research indicates the demand for five year fixed rate mortgages is increasing as buyers look for stability in a market which is growing increasingly uncertain.

Research by Abbey uncovered the growing desire among buyers which has taken place over recent months.

Director of Abbey Mortgages Nici Audhlam-Gardiner said the results showed people were "keener than ever" to obtain long term security when it comes to purchasing a home.

Other companies who are active in the housing market say they uncovering similar findings.

A survey by FairInvestment.co.uk discovered that 40 per cent of those who responded would be interested in a 25 year fixed-rate deal on their properties.

The findings come at a time when the Government is keen to regulate the housing market more and more.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Alistair Darling has expressed a wish to see longer term mortgage deals become more commonplace.

### First time buyers look to continent

FIRST time buyers looking to get on the housing ladder are increasingly looking abroad for their first buy.

This is a new trend according to industry analysts and is in contrast to the usual moves by UK investors to buy a second home in countries such as France, Spain or Portugal.

The attraction in continental countries is the lower property prices – usually more associated with holiday homes than first time buys.

In some cases the foreign homes are bought merely as an investment while their owners continue to rent in the UK.

They are then either rented out themselves to bring in cash or resold when the market becomes more buoyant.

"People want to step on the ladder, but they are having to go overseas to do so," said one industry analyst.

Britain's buyers have traditionally accounted for a large part of the Spanish housing market, which is in turn a substantial part of the country's economy.

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The issue of housing affordability has not gone away. While prices have stabilised, they are still extremely high by historic standards.

#### Ten times

In many parts of London and the South East the average house price is more than ten times local income – well out of reach for most first time buyers.

Even if prices drop by ten per cent, as some commentators think possible, homes will still not be affordable for large numbers of local people.

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INVESTMENT: Marilyn DiCara is positive about the benefits of the HomeBuy scheme

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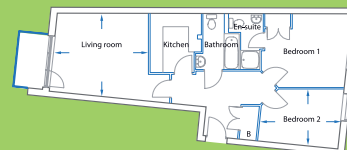
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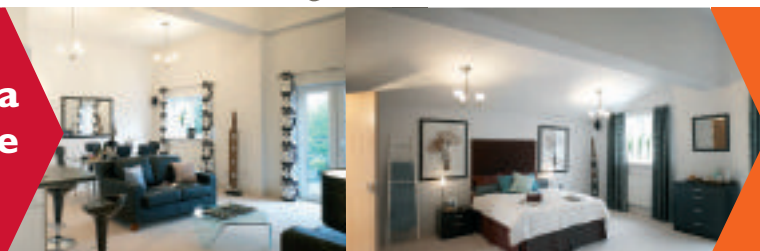
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Insignia's disguised to tackle the photo spies

VAUXHALL has been teasing the motoring paparazzi by releasing shots of this 'official' camouflaged Insignia – the car replacing the current Vectra later this year.

Spyshots of undisguised prototypes of a major new model like the Insignia can command five-figure sums from the scoop-hungry motoring press.

The Insignia is intended to spearhead a drive upmarket for Vauxhall – the same job Ford is attempting with the all-new Mondeo launched last year.

To the same end, the famous Vauxhall badge depicting a Griffin has also been modernised to reflect this new prestige pitch from the General Motors brand.



### Two final hits as sun sets on classic Ibiza

SEAT's all-new Ibiza may be set for a summer launch, but two special editions should deliver hits for the current car.

The Freerider and Sportrider are based on the three-door Ibiza and laden with extras and at tempting prices: the £8,995 Freerider has a eco-friendly three-cylinder 1.2 engine capable of averaging around 47mpg with just 139 g/km of CO2 and comes with cruise and climate control, alloys and electric mirrors.

The Sportrider starts at £9,495 with a choice of power plus even more extras.



### VW add sporty diesel to boost Tiguan appeal

VW has boosted demand for its smart new Tiguan 4x4 with a dynamic new 2.0-litre diesel from £22,670.

With 168bhp and lower emissions now expected from modern diesels, allied to a six-speed gearbox, this Tiguan neatly balances performance and economy.

The new engine can average some 40mpg while emitting 185g/km of CO2 – modest for this class – yet it is also the fastest Tiguan model with a top speed of 125 mph.



**SEVEN UP:** Chevrolet's Captiva can seat up to seven people and with a relatively cheap lead-in price of £16,995 typifies the American car giant's 'more bangs for yer bucks' marketing

## It pays to look beyond the captivating Chevy's price

NOT sure that Louis Chevrolet would have liked the little cars bearing his name.

But the former racing driver and fan of big and powerful cars might have admired the butch new UK addition to the brand he founded in 1911 – the five-seven-seat Captiva SUV (sports utility vehicle).

Though still a small player here, Chevrolet recorded one of 2007's biggest gains in market share (27 per cent).

The Captiva's launch midway helped, typifying Chevy's 'more bangs for yer bucks' marketing and using a crazy £16,995 lead-in price, but this proves to be a two-wheel drive only, five-seater with asthmatic 134bhp 2.4-litre petrol engine that is best avoided, although it comes with alloys, air con and six-speaker sounds with controls on the steering wheel.

The 'real deal' is the punchier 148bhp 2.0-litre turbodiesel, with 4x4, electronic stability and descent controls and more, but the price jumps three grand – even more for seven seats.

However, few modern rivals challenge the

## ROAD TEST CHEVROLET CAPTIVA

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

big Chevy for space and seven seats and the American 'aura' of the badge – despite adulteration by baby Chevrolets like the Matiz city car – has extra appeal, especially as the '...drove my Chevy to the levee' line from Don McLean's American Pie resonates with the 35-44 target age group.

Having opted for diesel and seven seats, you then face a further £1,000 question – do I go for the optional auto 'box'?

Yes. The five-speed manual is not the slickest, whereas the five-speed auto makes the big Captiva an effortless drive with a slick manual-select option if you wish.

And you might, because 4x4 Captivas are capable of limited off-roading even if ride height is modest. The car is also quite nimble on-road without the degree of roll suggested by its size. Emissions and fuel consumption for the auto are a little high for our new greener era though.

While relatively cheap for a big SUV seating up to seven, the cabin is durable and tasteful, with the generous stowage you find in US brands, a well-arranged dashboard, plus decent legroom for both rear rows of seats.



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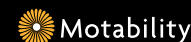
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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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#### HYUNDAI GETZ



IT is ageing now, but the Getz signalled Hyundai's arrival on the European motor scene, with a thoroughly modern supermini. It does not excel in any area really, but neither does the Korean car fall short anywhere either. Available in three and five-door form with a five-year warranty, it also has some engines in road tax band-B, including an efficient diesel. Securing a good deal – with some warranty intact – should not be hard either, though reliability is not a worry.

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**ACCORD, CDI EXECUTIVE**, 2005, 2000 cc engine size 2200 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, grey, 33000 miles, £11995, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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**COLT, 1.1 C21**, 2006, abs body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser passenger airbag power steering radio/cd remote central locking steering wheel rake adjustment trip computer, lunar silver, £3990 miles, £3995, Masters Group Mitsubishi Bromley, Beckenham, 0208 6587122 (TRADE)

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NISSAN

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**MICRA, S 1.2**, 2005, anba blue metallic with grey high velour, 20000 miles, £4995, LM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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**PEUGEOT EXPERT 815**, 12 2004, 1.9 d 3 seats twin doors lined 74,000 miles, £5400, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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**MEGANE, 1.6 VVT DYNAMIQUE 5DR**, 16/06/2004, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, blue, 32800 miles, £5999, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 992321 (TRADE)

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ROVER

**200, 216 CABRIOLET**, 1997, grey, 0 miles, £1295, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**VAUXHALL COMBO 1700**, 10 2006, 1.3 cdti side door white 26,000 miles, fsh, £5850, Beaver Commercial, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

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You will be responsible for controlling the budget and developing the business further, in particular conferences and functions. You need to enjoy working in a dynamic team environment and have a positive flexible attitude. Hours are 37 per week and will include evenings and weekends.

**Full Time Fitness Instructors – Julie Rose Stadium and Stour Centre – Salary up to £12,974**  
The ideal candidate will hold a Fitness Instructors qualification. Responsibilities include carrying out new member inductions, fitness assessments and programming, membership sales and some reception duties. Hours are up to 37 per week and include evenings and weekends.

**Part Time Bookings Officer – Stour Centre – Hourly Rate up to £7.47**  
You will have a minimum of Maths & English at GCSE or equivalent and be competent in the use of Microsoft packages including Word and Excel. You will be dealing directly with customers in relation to both contract and special bookings ensuring ALT booking regulations and conditions of hire are adhered to at all times.

You will administer the invoice payment and sundry debtor systems therefore knowledge of Sage would be beneficial. Full training will be given.

Hours are 2 days per week from 9am to 5pm.

**Casual Customer Service Advisors – Stour Centre – Hourly Rate £5.94**  
You will have a minimum of Maths & English at GCSE level or equivalent and have good computer skills. Responsibilities will include customer liaison, answering the telephone, cash handling, bookings, sales and presentation.

You must enjoy working with the public, have exceptional customer service skills and be able to work under pressure in a busy environment. Experience in a similar role is desirable.

**Part Time Housekeepers – Stour Centre – Hourly Rate up to £6.54**  
Candidates should have good health and safety knowledge, be familiar with COSHH regulations and have worked within the cleaning industry. The hours are varied and will include evenings and weekends.

**For an informal discussion please contact the Stour Centre office on 01233 667121 and ask for Kirsty Ferguson.**

Alternatively, you can download an application form from the current vacancies page of our website [www.stourcentre.co.uk](http://www.stourcentre.co.uk)

Closing date: Friday 25th April 2008.

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## Canterbury College

Canterbury College is a leading FE and HE College which offers opportunities and an environment in which our 800 staff and 12,000 learners can reach their potential, so we can achieve our goal of being one of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opened in January 2008. We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.

### Head of Quality and Standards

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £40,821 per annum  
Post Ref: 08/35/KOS

Canterbury College is aiming to be the best in teaching and learning by 2010. An exciting opportunity has arisen to take on this key role in the College to drive this further forward. As Head of Quality and Standards you will be responsible for all quality review and improvement processes together with taking forward local, national and government quality initiatives with the ultimate aim being to further enhance the quality of the teaching and learning experience thereby ensuring success for all students at Canterbury College.

For an application pack please visit [www.cant-col.ac.uk](http://www.cant-col.ac.uk) or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

**The closing date for the above posts is Monday 21 April at 12 noon.**

#### Staff benefits include:

- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
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- Staff Discount Scheme

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## Turning young offenders' lives around

A large new Young Offenders Institute opened in March 2008 to serve Kent and the surrounding area. CfBT Education Trust is providing the education service for 157 young men aged 15-18, in partnership with the SE LSC and the Prison Service.

We are one of the country's largest charities and a highly respected provider of diverse educational services. The secure estate is a key area for us - our team is passionate about meeting the needs of this challenging group of young men. We believe that helping these young men gain the skills and knowledge to avoid re-offending will prove to be an excellent career opportunity for you. These roles offer you the chance to become part of an exciting new education development in the secure estate.

### Education Manager Up to £40,000

As Education & Training Manager you will be responsible for managing teaching staff and resources, you'll lead on curriculum and timetable planning and ensure contractual targets are met. Ref. CW001/002

### Assistant Education & Training Manager - Student Support Up to £35,000

You'll lead on the design and delivery of processes to ensure learners are assessed, inducted, guided and supported holistically. Ref. CW002/003

### Skills Lecturers -

### Bricks, Painting and Decorating and DIY Up to £29,000

We require five lecturers to offer young people the opportunity to engage in vocational training in Bricklaying, Painting and Decorating and DIY. All courses will be accredited through OCN and City and Guilds. Ref. CW004/003

#### The rewards include:

- competitive performance based salary scales
- 28 days' annual leave plus all statutory bank holidays
- 37 hours working week - which may include some evening work
- non-contributory Company Pension Scheme
- relocation expenses will be paid in approved cases (management grade staff residing outside the designated travel to work area).

CfBT is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.

For an informal discussion regarding these roles, please contact Anne Morahan or Brian Kemp on 01634 202632. To apply for a position or to request a job description please call HR on 0118 902 1000 or email [recruitment@cfbt.com](mailto:recruitment@cfbt.com) quoting the relevant reference.

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### Community Training and Education Officer (Valley of Visions)

Starting salary £22,825, with progression through contribution related pay to £26,159 pro rata 22.2 hours per week - Fixed Term to November 2010 initially  
The Cedars, Snodland

Do you enjoy working with people, have a passion for conserving and celebrating the countryside, and also enjoy a challenge? Then you may have the mix of skills we are looking for. Why not be a part of the Valley of Visions? This is an exciting opportunity to join a new team that is making a real difference in the Medway Gap, a place of dramatic contrasts lying within and beside the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

We have the funding and local support in place to deliver an ambitious project that takes an integrated and sustainable approach to landscape, access and heritage management. With a budget of £2.5m over three years provided by the Heritage Lottery Fund and others, this is a well-resourced and planned scheme.

You will be responsible for a budget of over £130,000, and will implement the training plan - a cross-cutting programme of training and educational activities. These will improve the capacity of the local communities, partnership organisations and the Valley of Visions team itself to conserve, enhance and celebrate the natural and cultural heritage of the valley.

All officers employed by the Valley of Visions Landscape Partnership Scheme work across programmes to support other team members and ensure integration of projects. The team works as part of the Kent Downs AONB Unit and you will be employed by Kent County Council. Ref: ER/08/0072

Closing date: Midday, 18th April 2008.

### Marketing and Development Adviser

Starting salary £20,061, with progression through contribution related pay to £22,825 per annum  
Mid/West Kent

KEY Training Services, part of Kent County Council, is the largest work-based learning provider in the county. Operating across Kent (and delivering workplace training county-wide) we work hand-in-hand with businesses and their employees to provide them with the skills they need. As part of our continued development, we are now expanding our employer engagement - and it will be up to you to market and sell the benefits of Work Based Learning to employers.

Within this innovative environment, you will spend much of your time out visiting local employers - building strong working relationships with them and explaining our courses and services. Clearly this means that you will need excellent presentation skills and a very proactive approach. You should also have experience in a business-to-business sales role, a flair for hitting deadlines and targets, and the ability to generate new leads. Ref: CD/08/0091

Closing date: Midday, 24th April 2008.

The above two posts are subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau.

### PA/Business Support Officer

Starting salary £16,627, with progression through contribution related pay to £18,288 per annum  
Maidstone

We are looking for an individual who has the skills and experience to support the Head of Arts Development Unit and the rest of the team in addressing the challenges facing the Unit in 2008 and beyond.

Experience of working as a PA and knowledge of local government in Kent are essential.

For an informal chat about this post, telephone Sally Staples, Head of Arts Development Unit on 01622 696515. Ref: CD/08/0031

Closing date: Midday, 18th April 2008.

Interview date: 9th May 2008.

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Highly experienced in Health and Safety roles, you will ideally hold a NEBOSH Certificate and will certainly be fully versed in best practice and CDM regulations, capable of leading training programmes and ready to manage a complex workload. Above all, you are unrelenting in setting standards and ensuring their attainment - and keen to make your mark on our College for decades to come.

All posts will require a Criminal Record Bureau Enhanced Disclosure Certificate.

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- Logical approach to problem solving
- Well organised with a systematic approach to code writing
- Understanding the importance of development, integration and delivery of code
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Carl Maidment  
SES Folkestone, 26 Grimston Gardens  
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### Street Sweeper/Driver Ref:CS.807

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You will be a part of the team maintaining the cleanliness of the streets within the Sevenoaks District Council area, and be based at Dunbrik Depot, Sundridge.

You will need to be physically capable of carrying out the duties of the post, presentable in appearance and prepared to work as part of a team. You will be working a 37 hour week and you must hold a driving licence that allows you to drive a vehicle up to 7.5 tonnes.

### Mobile Office/Public Convenience Cleaners x3 Ref:CS.807

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You will have use of a Council van to carry out your duties, therefore you must be able to drive and hold a full, clean UK driving licence.

You will be part of a team, but will work independently, and will therefore be reliable and responsible with a flexible approach and able to use initiative.

You will be expected to work on a rota basis which includes early and late shifts including Saturday and Sunday working, with split shifts to maintain daily cleaning standards. Basic working hours are 37 hours per week with overtime or fixed rate payments for hours worked in excess of this.

You will be committed to customer care and delivering a quality service.

Although not essential, knowledge of Hygiene Best Practice and COSHH regulations would be desirable.

For an informal discussion about these posts, please contact John Cox, Cleansing Manager on 01959 567375.

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Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 12 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Gill Perry  
Headteacher  
Burnt Oak Primary School  
Cornwall Road  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 1LP  
Telephone - (01634) 852991  
Fax - 01634 571283  
Email  
office@burntoak.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Foundation Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker, Office Manager  
Fairview Community Primary School  
Drewery Drive  
Wigmore  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Fairview Community Primary School

Year 3  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and fixed term  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Diana Parker  
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Kent ME8 0NU  
Telephone - (01634) 338710  
Email office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk

#### Gordon Junior School

KS2 Teacher (Responsibility for Literacy)  
Salary: MPS + TLR 2b - £3940  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 13 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Ellen Wilson  
Headteacher  
Gordon Junior School  
Gordon Road  
Strood  
Rochester  
Kent ME2 3HQ  
Telephone - (01634) 719971  
Fax - 01634 290337  
Email headteacher@gordon-jun.medway.sch.uk

#### Hempstead Junior School

Key Stage 2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: Maternity Cover  
Required From: 1 September 2008

Closing Date: 2 May 2008

#### **To apply/more information**

Mr David Bignell  
Headteacher  
Hempstead Junior School  
Birch Grove  
Hempstead  
Gillingham  
Kent ME7 3SD  
Telephone - (01634) 371823  
Fax 233328  
Email office@hempsteadjun.medway.sch.uk

#### High Halstow Primary School

KS2 Teacher  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Temporary  
Term of contract: 1 Year  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 22 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs Pat Sanford, Headteacher  
High Halstow Primary  
Harrison Drive  
High Halstow  
Rochester  
Kent ME3 8TF  
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Fax - 01634 255628  
Email headteacher@highhalstow.medway.sch.uk

#### Luton Junior School

Class Teacher and Subject Leader for Music  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 24 April 2008  
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Sheila Scott  
Luton Road Junior School  
Luton Road  
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Email scottsd01@medway.org.uk

#### The Pilgrim School

KS2 Teacher  
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Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
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Mrs D Field  
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The Pilgrim School  
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Borstal  
Rochester  
Kent ME1 3LF  
Telephone - (01634) 841873  
Email office@pilgrim.medway.sch.uk

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

### Teacher

#### Greenacre School

Teacher of PE  
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Salary: MPS/UPS  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 30 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mr A J Reese, Headteacher  
Greenacre School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Chatham  
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Telephone - (01634) 861593  
E-mail  
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#### Medway Community College

Teacher of English  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
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#### New Brompton College

Teacher of Drama  
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Sue Moss, Personnel Manager  
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Marlbrough Road  
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Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

#### New Brompton College

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#### Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Science/ Health and Social Care  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Mrs D Francis  
Personnel Officer  
Rainham School For Girls  
Derwent Way  
Rainham  
Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
Fax - 01634 388334  
Email admin@rsg.org.uk

#### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Teacher of Law  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008

Closing Date: 28 April 2008

#### **To apply/more information**

Mr D Kelly, Headteacher  
St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School  
Ordinance Street  
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Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Science  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
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Headteachers P.A.  
The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive School  
Main Road  
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Rochester  
Kent ME3 9HH  
Telephone - (01634) 251443  
Email crutk001@medway.org.uk

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Teacher of Maths  
Salary: MPS/UPS  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
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#### Assistant Faculty Leader

#### St John Fisher Catholic Comprehensive School

Assistant Faculty Leader of Religious Education  
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Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
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Chatham  
Kent ME4 6DP  
Telephone - (01634) 842811  
Email headteacher@st-johnfisher.medway.sch.uk

#### Assistant Curriculum Leader

#### The Hundred of Hoo Comprehensive

Assistant Curriculum leader (Technology)  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2c (£2,364)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 28 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
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#### Head of Department

#### Chatham South School

Head of ICT  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLRc  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 21 April 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
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Office Manager  
Chatham South School  
Letchworth Avenue  
Chatham  
Kent ME4 6NT  
Telephone - (01634) 404277  
Email Headteacher@chathamssouth.medway.sch.uk

#### Walderslade Girls School

Head of Business Studies  
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2B  
Full time and permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing Date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
Walderslade Girls School  
Bradfields Avenue  
Walderslade  
Kent ME5 0LE  
Telephone - (01634) 861596  
Email Headteacher@waldersladegirls.medway.sch.uk

#### Curriculum Leader

#### Rainham School for Girls

Curriculum Leader - Geography  
Salary: MPS/UPS +TLR 2b (£4,037)  
Full Time and Permanent  
Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 2 May 2008  
**To apply/more information**  
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Personnel Officer  
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Gillingham  
Kent ME8 0BX  
Telephone - (01634) 362746  
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**PERFECT MATCH:** Kent Dunham Business Transfer Agency is a 'company marriage broker' designed to introduce interested buyers to businesses which are up for sale

# In the business of matchmaking

A NEW agency has been set up in Kent to act as a "company marriage broker" between people wanting to sell businesses and those wanting to buy them.

The Dunham Group, which has offices all around the country, has launched its new Kent Dunham Business Transfer Agency (DBTA) to help would-be entrepreneurs find their perfect business.

Peter Burgess, area director of the Kent DBTA, has lived and worked in the county for nearly 30 years and provided financial services to companies across the region.

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"We build relationships with prospective buyers and sellers to understand their needs and objectives, and work together to ensure tailored advice and support is provided throughout the process."

The agency has two divisions, one focusing on hotels, public houses, restaurants, nurseries, care homes and shops, and the other specialising in the sale of corporate entities.

As part of the Dunham Group the agency has access to an extensive network and database of buyers and existing businesses for sale, as well as providing clients with support from a group of specialist companies including

Dunham Media and corporate law firm, Dunham Solicitors LLP.

Mr Burgess said: "This is a significant advantage for clients, as the legal costs of selling or buying a business can often be underestimated. Our unique fee structure incorporates the legal costs at a preferential rate, streamlining the entire process."

Dean Dunham, founder of the group, said: "Our industry knowledge is vital to the successful sale of a business and we ensure that clients benefit from our experience and from access to other companies in the group, so that both vendors and buyers get the best result possible."

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# Determined Bulls aiming for fourth



**TOP FOUR:** Aylesford Bulls hope to finish the season off with a win

THE kicking boots of Dave Dorton returned for Aylesford Bulls as they look certain to finish in the top four with one game to go.

Aylesford were forced to field a weakened front row after suffering a number of injuries during the week, but this did not halt the Bulls as they went on to a comfortable victory.

They were put under serious pressure in the opening 15 minutes, but a strong defensive display saw them weather the storm.

However, it was Chichester who opened the scoring shortly after with a successful penalty attempt.

Aylesford fought back and took the lead through a try from number eight

## RUGBY

### Aylesford Bulls 21 Chichester 11

Lee Evans, who successfully returned from injury.

They took the slim advantage into the break.

Dorton increased the lead shortly after the restart with a penalty.

The players knew that another score would be crucial if they were to secure the victory after losing a number of games in the final minutes.

It was Dorton who once again stepped up to the plate and used his pace to break through the Chichester

defence to score under the posts. He added the conversion followed by two penalties to seal the victory.

However, in the final two minutes Chichester managed to worry the Bulls by scoring a late consolation try, but it was too little too late.

The two points cemented their position in fourth place and they are now only six points clear of fifth.

With just one game remaining against Eastbourne this Saturday, the Bulls can finish as high as fourth even if they secure another two points.

Their end of season form is something they would like to take into the next season in London South East Three.

## High-flying Hadlow settles for second

FOUR time world kite surfing champion Aaron Hadlow started his title defence off with a second place at the first round of the World Championship in France.

The Maidstone kitesurfer has been training hard over the winter in South Africa in a bid to secure an unprecedented fifth consecutive world title. In the final round, a misplaced landing cost him the victory.

Hadlow said: "I was pretty disappointed really. I rode pretty good most of the day, up until the last minute I thought it was pretty close, but in the final minute I got a high hooked in KiteLoop."

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Kent aim to build on last year's Twenty20 success

## Smart ready for championship

SUPERBIKE racer Scott Smart will be in action at the first round of the British Superbike Championship at Thruxton this weekend.

The Hawk Kawasaki rider was disappointed after the opening round of the championship at Brands Hatch was postponed two weeks ago due to three inches of snow falling at the circuit.

However, the practice session at the Kent circuit gave Smart and the team valuable time to see the pace of the new bike.

Smart will hope to finish in the points at Thruxton and get the new season off to a positive start.

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**MOVING TO SAFETY:** Mo Takaloo turns to celebrate the goal that has given the Stones hope as they continue to battle to fight against the drop from the Ryman Premier League

# Takaloo fires United a step closer to safety

A MO Takaloo second half strike has moved Maidstone United out of the relegation zone, but manager Alan Walker believes they need one more win to secure survival.

England schoolboy Chris Smalling missed out through injury and was replaced in the centre of defence by Lee Shearer. Goalkeeper Pat Mullin returned to the side instead of Steve Northwood.

The game really began in the second half after a dull first period. It was the home side who looked like they would open the scoring with two great chances after the restart.

Striker Victor Asombang beat Mullin with a drive, but his shot lacked accuracy and sailed past the post. It looked to be one of those days for Harrow, as Zimzon Lelo had another effort but with only Mullin to beat he fired over the bar.

## FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

### Harrow Borough 0 Maidstone United 1

However, with just 15 minutes to go, the Stones struck through top scorer Takaloo. The striker came on as a second half substitute and managed to fire home from a goal mouth scramble. The Maidstone defence held out for the remaining minutes to secure the three points, and only their third clean sheet of the season, to the delight of manager Walker.

He said: "The three points is just what we need and I am absolutely delighted to get it after the last defeat."

"We did okay throughout the match but at this point of the season it is not about performances, it is about getting the three points and

we did. Takaloo once again did it for us although he didn't really do anything when he came on, but he has that knack of being in the right place at the right time."

With Folkestone Invicta only managing a draw against East Thurrock in the bottom half of the league, Maidstone have moved two points clear of the relegation zone with two games remaining. Only six points separates eight teams in the bottom half of the league and Walker knows safety is in his side's hands.

He added: "Most of the other results went our way with Folkestone and East Thurrock drawing so I think we need perhaps one more win out of our last two games to ensure safety. It is in our own hands. It is unbelievable how this league has gone this year. It's so tight. I have never experienced anything quite like it."

The Stones now have a home encounter with Heybridge Swifts at Bourne Park on Saturday followed by what could be a crunch game against fellow strugglers Folkestone Invicta.





Picture: FRANCIS SQUIRES

**CONTROVERSY:** Maidstone slipped to eighth in London Two South after sliding to defeat, but they felt hard done by as a first half try was chalked off by the referee

# Stones slip nearer to foot of the table

A FOURTH consecutive defeat for Maidstone has seen them slip into the bottom half of London Two South as missed chances proved crucial.

The Maidstone side welcomed back centre Mark Ryan after recovering from hamstring injury and Gary Whitehead also returned to the 1st XV.

A heavy bout of rain caused havoc for the Maidstone players in the first half and they found themselves ten points behind after just nine minutes.

An early try came from a rolling maul and was converted by James Poole. He then added

## RUGBY

BY TOM HOWARD

**Old Colfeians 22 Maidstone 10**

a penalty to increase their advantage.

Maidstone thought they had scored a try of their own minutes later through Nick Van Mol. The young winger broke through the Colfeians' defence and crossed the line. However, the referee disallowed the try as he thought Van Mol had not grounded the ball.

Colfeians increased their lead to 17-0 on the half hour with another try, this time scored by their hooker.

Maidstone's were struck immediately after with Ryan damaging his hamstring and being forced off.

Two minutes after the restart, Maidstone finally had something to show for their efforts with a successful penalty converted by Piers Francis.

Maidstone closed the deficit even further with a try from Van Mol. This time his pace eluded the Colfeians defenders and he scored under the posts. Francis added the extras.

However, the glimmer of hope Maidstone were given was dashed as Colfeians scored a late try to seal the victory. Maidstone have slipped to eighth in London Two South and face Haywards Heath in their final game of the season.

# Pumas looking to improve on last year

## AMERICAN FOOTBALL

MAIDSTONE Pumas American Football team will have to wait to begin their new season as a growing injury list forced them to cancel Sunday's clash with the East Kent Mavericks.

The Pumas have been building their squad over the winter period with training sessions and have been trying to attract newcomers to the sport.

After a difficult season last year, where they lost all of their games, general manager Stuart Crowley believes they will be in better position once the injured players recover.

Crowley said: "For the coming season I am hoping we are going to improve on last year. It was a tough year and we lost all of our games, but this year we are aiming to secure a couple of wins.

"It is a steep learning curve. A lot of it is down to confidence and the sport is a very technical one, which needs an awful lot of time on the training field practising plays.

"I think we have got a great bunch of players and they are really improving."

The key for attracting new talent to the team is making sure the people of Maidstone know the American Football club exists,



Picture: MARK LAWRENCE

**LOOKING FOR VICTORY:** The Pumas have improved over the winter and will be looking for their first win

according to Crowley. However, the Pumas manager believes he will have a squad of 40 players in the next few weeks.

He added: "We have had more interest and a few more players coming along to training sessions. It is all about getting people aware that

we exist, but I have to say, it is slowly starting to turn in our favour.

"We are hoping that a lot more people will join."

Maidstone Pumas will begin the new season on May 4 against London Cobras.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

## Mustangs secure win despite host of injuries

INJURIES and unavailability meant it was a much-changed Mustangs side that secured another comfortable victory against Old Elthamians.

Mustangs scored all 20 points in a good victory thanks to tries from Nick East, Gareth Hill and Jamie Smith.

With the damp and muddy conditions really beginning to hamper running rugby, the second half remained a tight affair with only a Mike Laurensen penalty scored to give the Mustangs a final score of 20-5.

## Marathon trio make it into the top 400

THREE Medway & Maidstone Athletic club runners finished in the top 400 of Sunday's 2008 London Marathon.

Barry Royden received top honours, finishing in 149th place with a time of two hours and 44 minutes over the 26.2 mile distance. Dan Evans was next, coming home in 244th, just six minutes further down the road. Ian Reid finished a minute behind Evans to claim 306th spot.

## Blues determined to secure top eight finish

BEARSTED have the chance to rise up to eighth in the Kent County League if they can secure three points against Bromley Green this Saturday.

The Blues have not played for three weeks since their 5-0 thrashing of Crockenhill. They will hope to continue that form when they face Bromley Green, who are struggling at the foot of the table.

Green are only two points clear of the relegation zone and have only secured five victories all season.

## Ladies to play charity match for hospice

AYLESFORD Bulls Ladies team will take on an invitational side in a charity match to raise money for Demelza House Hospice.

The invitational side will be captained by the grand slam winning England ladies' captain Catherine Spencer. A top international referee will take charge under the floodlights at the Jack Williams Ground on April 25.

All the money from the entry fee and food sales will go to Demelza House Hospice.

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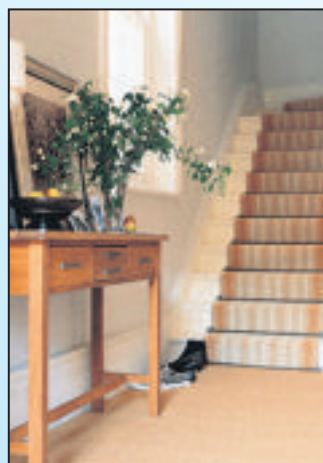
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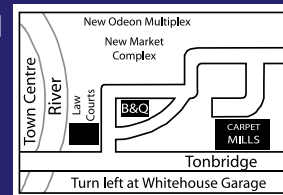


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